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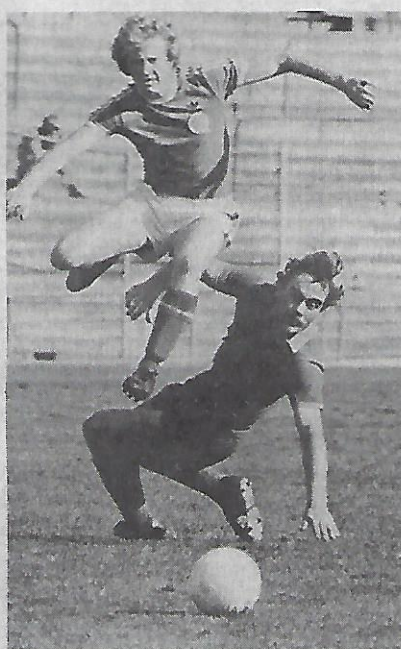
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England and now Hungary

Cosmos for Adelaide

Adelaide City was negotiating as we went to Press for a match against the New York Cosmos on Wednesday, November 1, or Sunday, October 28.

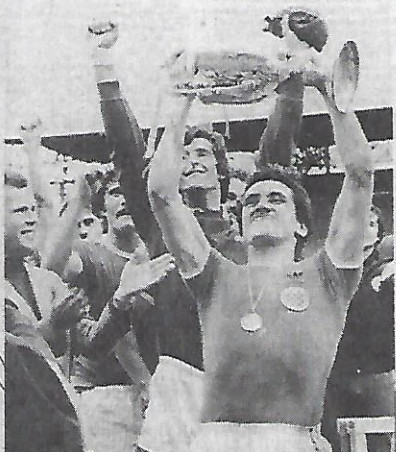
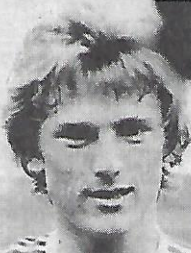
If it is played on the Sunday, it will replace the proposed game between Newcastle KB United and the Cosmos.

Our Newcastle correspondent Jack Matthews writes that the cost of bringing the Cosmos was now higher than had been thought and so KB United is reluctant to go ahead with the deal.

Cosmos has agreed to play in Adelaide on either date.

Croatia again

Essendon Croatia maintained its near-monopoly on Victorian honors by beating Frankston 2-1 in the Dockerty Cup final. Both goals were scored by young substitute Ned Batinovic (right). Pictured above by photographer Steve Chatzis, are the two best players of the final, Croatia's Ken Murphy, jumping over Frankston's God Bannan. Below: Steve Short salutes the crowd with the Cup.



The Hungarian national team wants to tour Australia in January-February next year.

Australian Soccer Federation vice-president Michael Weinstein says there is "a good chance" that the tour will go ahead as part of Australian soccer's 1980 centenary celebrations.

He said the ASF executive would make a decision about Hungary's proposed tour at a meeting in Sydney at the weekend.

Mr. Weinstein also warned that the England team which is due to play against the Socceroos at the Sydney Cricket Ground on June 1 next year probably will not be at full strength.

He said the visiting team would be billed as an English Football Association representative side.

An FA selection last toured in 1971. It included none of the leading international players of that time.

However, Czechoslovakia, which will tour next year, will be at full strength.

Hungary would also come with most of its top players — Laszlo Fazekas, Zoltan Kereki, Sandor Zombori, Sandor Pinter, Andras Toth, Istvan Halasz, Tibor Nyilas, Andras Tardos.

Northern Ireland, Scotland and South Korea are also willing to tour during the centenary year.

"We will take four or five teams," Mr

Weinstein said. "There's little chance we'll take Scotland, though, because they're too expensive."

"But the No. 1 priority as far as Victoria is concerned, is Liverpool," he said.

Mr Weinstein is chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

"We want Liverpool for next year, and there's a good chance we'll get them."

If the ASF accepts a tour by Hungary, Philips League club St. George Budapest will try to get one of the games against the tourists.

St. George spokesman Les Bordacs said this week his club would like to play against Hungary to mark the opening of the completed grandstand at St. George stadium.

"If we fail to get such a game we will try to bring a team from overseas ourselves," Mr Bordacs said. — LAURIE SCHWAB.



John Nyskohus, acting captain in the absence of injured John Perin, holds aloft the Philips Cup, won by Adelaide City after a memorable final against St. George at the Olympic Sports Field in Adelaide. Picture by FRANK HOBBS. Read Meno Toutsidis' report on page 2.

PSL clubs in Ampol Cup

Melbourne's three Philips League clubs will take part in the Victorian Ampol Cup next year.

They did not compete in the series in 1977 or 1978.

Heidelberg United, Footscray J.U.S.T. and South Melbourne Hellas will be seeded in three of four groups. State League champion Essendon Croatia will be seeded in the fourth.

The likely compositions of the four groups is:

GROUP A: Heidelberg, Frankston City, Altona, Ajax.

GROUP B: Footscray J.U.S.T., Makedonia, George Cross, Slavia.

GROUP C: South Melbourne Hellas, Croydon, Sunshine, Western Suburbs.

GROUP D: Essendon Croatia, Juventus, Haikoah, Albion Rovers.

In the semi-finals, the winner of Group A meets the winner of Group B and the winner of Group C plays the winner of Group D.

The series is expected to start in mid-January and will last for only five weeks.

COSMOS 6-0 IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG — The New York Cosmos crushed a Hong Kong All Stars team 6-0 (3-0) here to restore their reputation, tarnished by a poor performance at the opening of their Far East tour.

Cosmos were lucky to force a 3-3 draw against Hong Kong league champions Selko last week but this time they were transformed, overwhelming the local side with a performance worthy of their star line-up.

Sutherland clears the first hurdle

SUTHERLAND 3 (Basterfield, Meades, Harrington) BLACKTOWN 2 (Fisher, Ortega), NSW State League semi-final at Sydney Sports Ground. Crowd: 1782. Referee: Doug Rennie 7.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 7, Hesford 7, Wykes 8, DeLoraine 8, Schumann 8, Smith 8 (Watkins 69), Meades 8 (Stoddart 82), Basterfield 8, Hall 9, Beggs 8, Harrington 8.

BLACKTOWN: James 7, Pena 6, Parkhouse 7, Pointer 8, Taylor 7, Hornsby 6, Harding 6, Fisher 7, Thompson 6 (De Vle 71), Izatt 7, Pearson (Ortega 7 21).

Sutherland hammered at Blacktown City's goalmouth for almost an hour before showing its superiority through goals by Basterfield and Meades to pave the way for a well-deserved win.

With 12 minutes to go Harrington added the third to give the Sharks a two goal lead, which was cut back in the closing minutes by Ortega.

In the 21st minute, Carlos Ortega came on for Neil Parkhouse and his skill gave Blackdown the necessary punch needed so much in front of goal. Only a few minutes later Fisher was to score for Blacktown and give his team an unexpected lead.

The Sharks however continued to dominate proceedings and were soon rewarded with a fine goal by Basterfield.

In the 65th minute Sutherland shot to the lead. Hall fought two opponents before setting sail for the area. With a wall of defenders in front and Peter Wykes running free on the right, Hall pushed the ball wide for Wykes to cross to the far post and present Steve Meades with a free header that easily beat James.

With 12 minutes to go Sutherland scored again when a well placed kick was flicked into the net from close range by Mark Harrington.

Blacktown staged a fine comeback in the closing minutes and Ortega cut back the lead with a fine goal from some 18 metres.

THIRD GRADE SEMI FINAL: MANLY v BANKSTOWN 4-0 (Warbur 2, Vale 2).

MANLY: Lawson, Russell, Kneass, Emery, Paul, Beverley, Spratt, Dick, Gardner, Vale, Stuart.

BANKSTOWN: O'Neil, R. Chisall, Ritchie, C. Chisall, Wilson, King, Price, Strickland, Brown, Dabben, Minto, Ferguson.

SECOND GRADE: BANKSTOWN v MELITA 3-0 (Jones, Reortney, Hallen).

BANKSTOWN: McDonald, Beveridge, Jones, Usher, Lambry, Britton, Quigley, Lynch (Hinchman).

MELITA: Lufford, Hernandez, Gibson, Charles, Varela, Carbons, Clark, Parker, Dabben, Yones, Rodden (Spitt).

— ALEX VESIC

Steve Meades

Nyskohus brothers clinch Cup victory

Adelaide City 3 (J. Nyskohus 54th, and 76th, B. Nyskohus 65th) St George 2 (O'Connor 21st, J. O'Shea 48th), Phillips Cup final at Olympic Sports Field, crowd 8564.

Adelaide City: Marshall 8 - B. Nyskohus 10, Besir 7 (Muir 51st), Russell 9, Dodds 9 - Muniz 7, Marocchi 8, Northcote 9, Villani 8 - J. Nyskohus 10, Kent 6 (Melta 8, 50th).

St George: Fraser 8 - Harris 7, Utjesenovic 8, Della Picca 8, R. O'Shea 7 - Mihajlovic 7, Katholos 9, J. O'Shea 9 - Cotton 7 (Hensman), Fonoughty 8, O'Connor 9.

Referee: Chris Bambridge (Vic) 10.



Adelaide City defender Bugsey Nyskohus beats St George winger Phil O'Connor to the ball. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

Finally, Rale Rasic can look in the mirror and see the face of a champion.

The frustrations which were bottled inside him during the three years of the PSL when he saw two league titles and a Phillips Cup slip out of his grasp were uncorked with this extraordinary 3-2 Cup victory over Raul Blanco's gallant St George at Olympic Sports Field.

It may not be adequate compensation for those two "lost" league titles with Marocchi but it must have given the man, whom many regard as Australia's premier coach, immense satisfaction.

The triumph before a jubilant 8,564 crowd, ended three years of disappointment for Adelaide City and its faithful legion of supporters.

And it was a personal triumph for Johnny and Bugsey Nyskohus who had played in eight previous losing Cup finals for State League club Lion and Adelaide City.

It was fitting that both men played a vital part in City's Cup victory. City trailed 0-2 after 48 minutes before unleashing an incredible 22-minute three-goal blitz for a memorable victory.

It was a glorious drama. When the scores were level at 2-2 after 65 minutes, the final 25-minute period was like the 15th round of a heavyweight fight and you knew each fighter had won seven rounds.

Both sides were forced to make vital changes to their line-ups. Rasic had to leave out Dixie Deans (suspended) and John Perin (injured) while Saints' coach Raul Blanco was worried by the absence of midfielder Rudi Gnani (suspended).

Meno Toutsidis



But both sides throbbed with power. Man for man there was little between them.

City's Bobby Russell and Glenn Dodds were both uncompromising on the defensive flanks while Bugsey Nyskohus' impressive calm made him such a defensive force.

Brian Northcote showed a heartening response to the great occasion and Charlie Villani showed maturity well beyond his 17 years.

In attack John Nyskohus, acting captain in place of Perin, was al-iner and fair and a gritty fighter.

St George's strengths were considerable. Midfielder Peter Katholos, a player of glorious technical ability, great subtlety and immense skill, made a big impression with his dynamic running and perceptive passing.

Rudi Della Picca, a tall, flowing-haired defender with a clinical tackle, was a dominant force along with energetic Robert O'Shea.

In the opening five minutes both sides collided without meeting. Both restrained themselves, merely testing each other.

But the ominous signs were there. City quickly slipped into its smooth-flowing, well organised game.

After eight minutes of tension Chris Kent drove a ground shot straight into Mike Fraser after a methodical build-up.

Northcote engineered a masterful move in the 13th minute when he tore through St George with power and skill before slipping the ball to Kent.

The diminutive winger swung the ball to Gary Marocchi who lobbed it over Fraser, forcing the young athletic keeper to tip it onto the bar.

But St George stunned City with a brilliant 21st minute goal. Peter Katholos took a right wing corner and found Della Picca on the near post.

The lanky defender deflected the ball to the far post for Phil O'Connor to score with a precise header from eight metres.

City was clearly affected by the shock reversal but gradually recovered.

Then it fell victim to its own worst enemy - poor finishing. Chris Kent had a glorious chance to equalise nine minutes before half time after Villani cleverly stroked the ball to him on the edge of the penalty area.

But to the dismay of his teammates and the supporters, Kent blasted metres over the bar. A bad miss!

And right on half time Marocchi hit a magnificent 18-metre driving shot which flew inches over the bar with Fraser beaten.

Whatever Rasic told his men at half time it mattered little when John O'Shea scored the second goal in the 68th minute.

O'Shea chested down a ball from O'Connor and beat a defender, before striking a ferocious 15-metre shot past an incredulous Peter Marshall.

St George appeared to be coasting but the men of City fought back admirably.

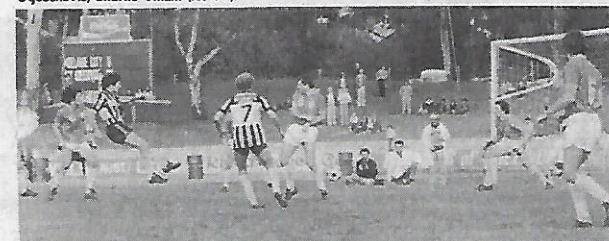
Dodds set up the goal that sparked City's revival in the 34th minute when he slipped a precise left wing cross to John Nyskohus



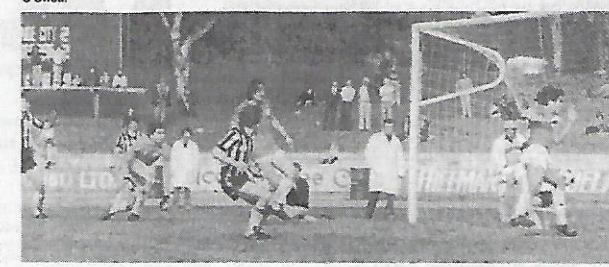
1-0 for St George. The ball enters the net from a shot by Phil O'Connor, who is out of the picture. From left: Tom Mihajlovic (St George), Mike Fraser (St G), Rudi Della Picca (St G), Agnor Muniz (AC), John Desir (AC), Bobby Russell (AC). All pictures by Frank Hobbs.



John Nyskohus jumps into the air after reducing the leeway to 1-2. Agnor Muniz (No 7) congratulates him. Others, from left: John O'Shea, Brian Northcote, Jim Muir, Rob O'Shea, Doug Utjesenovic, Charlie Villani (No 17).



2-2. Bugsey Nyskohus (second from left) launches Adelaide City's second goal, after having got past Rudi Della Picca. Others, from left: Agnor Muniz, Doug Utjesenovic, Mike Fraser and Rob O'Shea.



3-2 for Adelaide City. John Nyskohus (stripes, central foreground) scores the winning goal past Rob O'Shea and Mike Fraser on the line. Behind Nyskohus is Rudi Della Picca.

who flashed a diving header past Fraser.

Moments earlier Sergio Melta replaced Chris Kent and later Jimbo Muir substituted John Besir.

Rasic used Muir as a central striker while Melta played as an attacking midfielder.

With Besir off, Rasic did not use a sweeper, but despite the added pressure, Russell, Dodds and

Bugsey Nyskohus responded magnificently.

With Rasic urging on his men, City equalised in the 65th minute.

Bugsey Nyskohus speared a pass to his brother who returned the ball and the veteran defender guided the ball into the far corner 2-2.

However St George refused to capitulate and with Katholos and O'Connor in rampant form, began to make inroads in City's defence.

Marshall repelled them magnifi-

cantly and inspired his team every time he arrogantly plucked the ball out of the air.

John Nyskohus clinched the match in the 76th minute when he rifled the ball past Fraser from eight metres after Northcote had made the opening.

Despite a few anxious moments, City hung on and Rasic and his brave fighters finally got their hands on the Phillips Cup.



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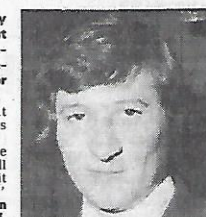
"Adelaide City may have taken the Cup, but soccer was the real winner," referee Chris Bambridge (pictured) said after the Phillips Cup final.

"It was a magnificent match, the best I've seen this year."

"The 22 players out there were intent on playing football to the best of their ability, so it was an easy game to referee."

Bambridge, who turns 32 on Sunday, put on a faultless refereeing performance that illustrated why he has been added to Australia's list of FIFA referees this year.

The other FIFA refs are Stewart Mellings (Victoria), Des Miles (Queensland), Don Campbell (South Australia), Tony Bokovic, Peter Rampall (NSW) and Barry Harwood



ralia from England in 1974 as a Grade One Referee and has been on the Phillips League panel since 1977.

He refereed Victoria's games against Middlesbrough, AEK Athens, Partizan Belgrade, Dundee and Wisla Crakow. His linesmen in the Phillips Cup final were fellow Victor-



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Hall, Abonyi or Valeri?

By ALEX VESIC

The NSW Rothmans Medal had its closest ever finish last year when APIA's Terry Butler won on a count back. The 1979 Rothmans Medal, which will be presented at the Menzies Hotel on October 8, may not finish in a tie, but certainly it will be another close contest.

Walter Valeri of Inter Monaro is the popular choice for this year's Rothmans Medal. He has scored 27 goals to be the leading marksman, but still his ability to score may be overshadowed by the all-round ability of Keith Schumann, Peter Beggs and Craig Hall, the brilliant Sutherland trio and Atti Abonyi of Croatia.

Here's a run down of the leading contenders and their chances.

ATTI ABONYI
Atti Abonyi is having another great year in the State League.

Despite some tremendous loss that Croatia suffered in pre-season, transfers, Atti managed to build a side that won the championship with six points to spare. Atti helped himself to 16 goals to finish in the third spot of the top scorers for the season, while his general leadership on the field was always to be admired.

However, Abonyi has failed to impress the referees in the past. Some have suggested that Abonyi's one of the Australia's greatest soccer stars, had

too much to say on the playing pitch.

CRAIG HALL
The youngster from Sutherland is definitely on the short list of Rudi Gutendorf for the Australian team to fight it out in the elimination series for the World Cup. He has been the best under 21 player in New South Wales for the past two seasons, according to votes by soccer writers.

His effort in front of goal brought him 13 goals this year and the fifth spot on the list of the top sharpshooters. He is certainly the man who will give it a shake this year. Last year he finished only two votes behind the eventual winner and with an ounce of luck could have finished on the top.

SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLO

Sebastian is certainly one of a rare breed of soccer players in this country. Only 20, he has already shown the ability to destroy a team on his own. He hasn't scored many this season, but Walter Valeri can tell you just how many times Giampaolo created chances for him.

Still in his early footballing days, Giampaolo has the tendency to go "walkabout" and lose interest in the game, but if the Medal was to be given for sheer skill then this man will certainly come close to getting it.

KEITH SCHUMANN
My early season choice to surprise and win selection in the Australian team was this tall elegant defender; come-attacker from Cronulla. I have very little to add to what I already claimed about this fine youngster from Sutherland.

His place in the future Australian team should be assured, his claim to the Rothmans Medal, certainly justified.

Melita has its contenders in its brilliant winger BRIAN PARKER and ex-Olympic striker Don Allan. Allan is the second top scorer in the State League and the best buy Melita Eagles ever made — and a bargain at that. Brian Parker is possibly the most exciting winger in the competition. His dazzling runs have started many a goalscoring move.

The choice becomes more difficult by the moment.

Peter Beggs of Sutherland, Andy Gray of Avala, Bruno Cagaj of Croatia, Marjan Kovacic of Croatia, David Jack of Manly, Parkhouse, Harding of Fisher from Blacktown, Lee of Blacktown, Hogg and Heron of Kurralta will be in there with a chance.

My choice will have to be a close battle between Hall, Abonyi and Valeri, with Sutherland youngster getting the nod.

Previous winners of the NSW Rothmans Medal are:

1970 G. Blues (APIA)
1971 J. Watkins (Hakoah)
1972 M. Schaefer (St. George)
1973 J. McDonald (Auburn)
1974 M. Trebilcock (West. Sub.)

1975 J. McDonald (Sutherland)
1976 B. Stowell (Pan Hellenic)
1977 J. Watkins (Sutherland)

1978 T. Butler (APIA)
NSW Rothmans Medal votes for 1978:

27 Points T. Butler (Avala) and A. Benkeid (Arnciff)
In accordance with the rules, Butler was named the winner on first preference votes.

28 B. Russell (Croatia)
29 A. Tracy (Auburn), C. Hall (Sutherland)

23 J. McDonald (Auburn)
22 T. Greedy (Bankstown)
21 J. Doyle (Avala)

19 B. Hoare (Granville)
18 S. Giampaolo (Inter Monaro)
17 K. Coleman (Croatia), P. Cuk (Yugal), I. Hamilton (Auburn), W. Valeri (Inter Monaro)

14 C. Ortega (Toongabbie)
13 B. Cagaj (Croatia), A. Mandakides (Yugal), B. Oldham (Toongabbie), B. Parker (Heli Eagles), H. Seifridge (Granville), T. Thompson (Marickville), B. Griffith (Avala)

12 A. Abonyi (Croatia), T. Jones (Melita Eagles)
11 P. Beggs (Sutherland), R. Brown (Marickville), V. Del Forno (Sutherland), A. Gray (Avala)

10 J. Besterfield (Sutherland), A. Bourke (Inter Monaro), V. Darvill (Toongabbie), H. Gario (Melita Eagles), R. Gario (Toongabbie), T. O'Maya (Inter Monaro), N. Penman (Marickville), J. Russell (Croatia), M. Sullivan (Cronulla)

9 D. Daly (Bankstown), P. Freeman (Toongabbie), S. Meades (Sutherland), N. Williams (Bankstown)

8 U. Blacklock (Melita Eagles), K. Dobson (Auburn), P. Mullan (Croatia), Muskovits (Arnciff), C. McAuland (Melita Eagles), S. Randovic (Yugal)

7 J. Dick (Manly), A. El Zain (Mar-

die), P. Janock (Avala), B. Kodor (Avala), B. McQuinn (Avala), E. Patterson (Avala), B. Waldron (Granville)

6 P. Boleas (Marickville) Olympic, T. Berran (Auburn), J. Farquhar (Melita Eagles), G. G. Kneiss (Avala), F. Marigan (Avala) Leichhardt, L. Pello (Inter Monaro), J. Santolin (Inter Monaro), W. Sauer (Croatia), E. Williams (Marickville)

5 L. Armitage (Toongabbie), M. Barton (Avala), I. Cummings (Inter Monaro), G. Doren (Avala), B. Doyle (Manly), V. Kasumovic (Avala), M. Kovacic (Croatia), B. MacPherson (Melita Eagles), M. Milas (Melita Eagles), T. Morosello (Inter Monaro), N. Rogers (Arnciff), A. Trkulja (Yugal), J. Watkins (Sutherland), J. Zecora (Marickville)

4 P. Aherns (Avala), G. Baron (Granville), S. Blackburn (Arnciff), N. Brizuela (Melita Eagles), P. Craggs (Sutherland), S. Deller (Avala), P. Hall (Sutherland), A. Hunter (Melita Eagles), G. Lynch (Bankstown), I. McGovern (Melita Eagles), M. Nide, (Yugal), N. Nity, (Yugal), C. Peck (Bankstown), E. Pena (Toongabbie), D. Peters (Auburn), A. Smart (Arnciff), L. Smith (Melita Eagles), H. Xipolitis (Mar-

3 N. Antonopoulos (Inter Monaro), M. Banks (Manly), J. Baxter (Avala), G. Brooks (Banktown), J. Bryden (Marickville), E. Caruthers (Avala), M. Drosaco (Melita Eagles), R. Gaskie (Manly), S. Gilmore (Arnciff), P. Griffith (Auburn), M. Haynes (Sutherland), P. Katholos (Marickville), D. Montano (Bankstown), D. McGuire (Manly), J. Navaia (Manly), S. Pilard (Toongabbie), R. Rozenendaal (Manly), K. Schumann (Sutherland), P. Smith (Sutherland), M. Stephenson (Auburn), B. Stocks (Manly), I. Stone (Croatia), P. Thompson (Bankstown), N. Tully (Yugal)

2 P. Bigland (Granville), B. Cuneso (Arnciff), G. Fairclough (Auburn), M. Henry (Croatia), M. Harrington (Sutherland), M. Hignett (Marickville), S. Lufford, (Bankstown), M. Milovanovic (Avala), M. Navskovic (Yugal), M. Pullen (Avala), H. Ruiz (Croatia), A. Sheldrick (Marickville), G. Smith (Croatia), D. Tansey (Bankstown), D. Yamine (Melita Eagles)

1 G. Barker (Granville), P. Branson (Sutherland), R. Dalaney, (Yugal), P. Deller (Avala), R. Glasbourne (Auburn), E. Gosling (Manly), P. Johns (Granville), K. Lackey (Granville), P. Lawler (Inter Monaro), K. Lindsay (Avala), M. Nazaria (Marickville), C. O'Meara (Arnciff), M. Panagiotis (Inter Monaro), C. Root-ay (Bankstown), G. Slater (Granville), S. Vervoris (Melita Eagles)



Sebastian Giampaolo (above); the brilliant forward of NSW State League club Inter Monaro.

Tiny Tommy rivals giants

By KYLE PATTERSON

Essendon Croatia's Tommy Cumming may soon be hailed as Victoria's all-time great player.

Cumming, the pint-sized dynamo, is set to break the records of other greats Frank Micic and John Gardiner, and stand alone as Victoria's most decorated player.

Micic and Gardiner have each won three State best and fairest awards, but Cumming equalled that record last Wednesday night when he won the 1979 Bill Fleming Medal.

Cumming has a great chance to win his fourth medal at the 1979 Rothmans Medal presentation on Friday night at the Southern Cross Hotel.

The Victorian State team and Socceroo forward previously won the 1978 Bill Fleming and Rothmans Medals.

Gardiner won the 1971 Rothmans Medal, and in 1972 won the Fleming and Rothmans medals.

Micic won two Argus Medals (the predecessor to the Rothmans Medal) in 1964 and '67, and was the winner of the Bill Fleming Medal in 1973.

Cumming was not expected to win the 1979 Fleming Medal. He was only an average player in the first half of the season, but improved greatly in the latter stages.

Robert Cullen of Preston Makedonia was runner-up to Cumming, but was expected to win the award after having an outstanding season.

Bobby McGuinness of Juventus was third in the 1979 Bill Fleming Medal.

There is no doubt Cumming

The odds

'Soccer Action's' Rothmans Medal betting:

2/1 Cumming (Ess. Croatia)
4/1 McMillan (Prest. Makedonia)
5/1 Williams (Prest. Slavia), Pongho (Croy. City), McGuinness (Juve)

8/1 Denys (GG Ajax), Cowan (Geo. Cross), Nisbet, D'Sylva (Alb. Rovers)

10/1 G. Bannon (Frank. City), Maitland (Geo. Cross), Lowe (Sun. City)

15/1 B. Young (Frank. City), Gilder, Murphy (Ess. Croatia), Trent (Croy. City)

Scratched — Cullen, Ward (Prest. Makedonia), C. Lucchesi (Juventus), T. Young (Frank. City)

has been in magnificent form in the latter stages of this season, as Essendon Croatia rediscovered the form that made the team such a force in the 1978 championship.

Apart from his good form, Cumming has a good behaviour record which will impress referees, the men who cast the crucial votes in the Rothmans Medal.

Cumming hasn't been booked or sent off in four seasons' Australian soccer. He played with Sunshine for just under two seasons, and with Croatia for two seasons, but hasn't earned any disciplinary action from referees.

Cumming's main rival for the Rothmans Medal seems to be Preston Makedonia forward George McMillan, with McGuinness a chance.

McMillan, the scorer of 11 goals this season, has had a fairly good season, although his forward partner Robert Cullen may have taken many votes from him.

Cullen's votes are all null and void because he was sent off earlier this season, and is ineligible to win the Gold Medal.

In fact, many of the potential winners have been ruled out because of suspension.

Cullen would have been second favorite, but is now out of the running, as are Gary Ward (Preston Makedonia), Claude Lucchesi (Juventus) and Tony Young of Frankston City.

All these players would have figured prominently in the 1979 Rothmans Medal counting.

The main challengers along with McMillan are Jim Williams of Prahran Slavia and Alan Pongho of Croydon City.

Next in favoritism is Green Gully goalkeeper Lou Denys, an often brilliant performer.

Denys certainly had a busy season with Green Gully struggling to beat off relegation.

Denys saved Gully on many



Croatia's Tommy Cumming is 'crowned' with the lid of the Docketry Cup. — Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

occasions, although it should be said he was prone to some shocking form lapses. The fact that Green Gully Ajax had no outstanding player this season, will benefit Denys.

Tony Cowan of George Cross is an outsider.

Albion Rovers' pair Mike D'Sylva and Bobby Nisbet are also outside chances to take off the medal, but should poll well. Nisbet is a cool and calm sweeper in defence and will win many votes because of this.

D'Sylva had perhaps his best season with Albion Rovers, and was a creative player in midfield.

The history of Victoria's best and fairest awards is focused on Bill Fleming, a leading soccer writer with the now defunct Argus.

It was Fleming who suggested to the VSF that a best and fairest award should be instigated. The Argus Medal was decided on referees' votes, and co-ordinated by the VSF and 'The Argus'.

The Argus folded in the early 80s, but the award kept the name until 1971, when Rothmans offered to sponsor it.

In a show of respect to Bill Fleming, a new best and fairest award was instigated, and was decided on the votes of a panel of soccer writers.

Winners of the Argus Medal were:
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1958 J. Westwaleld (Wilhemina)
1959 A. Drennan (Box Hill)
1960 W. Janczyk (Polonia)
1961 F. Falzon (George Cross)
1962 F. Falzon (George Cross)
1963 J. Sanchez (Slavia)
1964 F. Micic (JUST)
1965 G. Scott (Juventus)
1966 P. Aldis (Wilhemina)
1967 F. Micic (JUST)
1968 J. Rooney (Lions)
1969 J. O'Neil (Hakoah)
1970 D. Pygall (Wilhemina)

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1971 J. Gardiner (George Cross)
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1973 V. Bannon (Fitzroy)
1974 P. Bannon (Fitzroy)
1975 D. Baker (Hakoah)
1976 J. Tanaley (Slavia)
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1971 J. Pyrgolios (Hellas)
1972 J. Gardiner (George Cross)
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1974 J. Armstrong (Hellas)
1975 B. Vojtek (Juventus)
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Short 14 votes behind in 2nd Place.

All voters in the 1978 Rothmans Medal were:

36 votes: T. Cumming (Essendon-Croatia)

22 votes: S. Short (Slavia), D. Baker (Hakoah)

20 votes: I. McCarthy (Green Gully), G. McMillan (Preston)

18 votes: R. Cullen (Geo Cross), A. Irvine (Frankston)

17 votes: J. Vandoren (Slavia), V. Bannon (Frankston)

14 votes: S. Walker (Juventus), B. Carnaby (Ringwood), H. Van der Poel (Albion)

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DOCKERTY CUP SEMI-FINALS

YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN

by KYLE PATTERSON

Australian sporting crowds love to see an underdog get up and win. Watching a top dog fall crashing from his pedestal brings just as much pleasure.

However, you can't keep a champion down for very long, even in Australia where sports followers are so eager to drag down a top performer.

Tommy Cumming showed at Olympic Park last Wednesday night that champions are not infallible, but that their moments of mediocrity are greatly overshadowed by their moments of sheer brilliance.

Cumming, almost single-handedly rescued Essendon Croatia from the brink of disaster, and led his team mates to a resounding victory and a place in the Dockerty Cup final.

The Victorian and Australian representative was a devastating player, and swung the semi final back into Croatia's favor.

It was a magnificent display, but earlier in the match the wolves were out to discredit Cumming.

At around 6:45 pm last Wednesday, Cumming was named the winner of the 1979 Bill Fleming Medal for the best player in the Victorian State league.

It was his second successive victory in the award, which is

advantage for the remainder of the game. Makedonia had played well, and deserved to be leading by two goals.

Cumming burst out of midfield down the left flank with his second half marker Mike Rainey caught upfield. Preston centre back Gordon Flavell raced over to cover, but he was penalised by referee Chris Bambridge.

Cumming took a quick free kick to Howard Andrews with Preston's defence all at sea. Cumming made a run down the flank, and Andrews gave him a return pass. Cumming cut in across the penalty area, and was tackled by centre half Flavell. Bambridge awarded a penalty, the merits of which I will not discuss.

Ken Murphy placed the penalty kick low to the right of Makedonia goalkeeper Lou Kastner.

The game was alive again at 2:1. Preston made two good attacks, but in the 73rd minute Cumming was again in the thick of things to score the equalising goal.

The move started when Steve Short made a run out of defence. Beech was caught in no man's land, and this left Murphy, who was pushed into the forward line in place of Paleka in the second half, with space to work in.

Murphy carried the ball, and beat Higham. He then dribbled past the recovering Beech and made his way into the penalty area. Flavell made a desperate challenge, but Murphy

skipped clear. He sent a cross to the far post where the unmarked Cumming put the ball in the net off the post.

In the space of 15 minutes Croatia had whittled down Preston's two goal lead, but worse was to follow for Makedonia. In the 74th minute, striker George McMillan was sent off in a controversial incident.

McMillan had been booked for lashing out a boot at Croatia's John Gardiner in the first half, and earned the red card for kicking the ball away and disputing a Bambridge decision.

McMillan had been dribbling along the touchline, and the linesman raised his flag to signal the ball was out. Bambridge blew his whistle, and McMillan, incensed by the decision, booted the ball away.

The red card was flashed and McMillan went wild. He had a few sharp words to say to Bambridge, before Cumming again came into the picture.

It's reported Cumming said, "Send him off, ref," after McMillan booted the ball away. Most players make this sort of jibe on the field, but McMillan and Cumming are flatmates, and the comment upset George.

He ran at Cumming, waving

a fist, and had to be dragged off the field by Preston reserve David Garthwaite.

The incident upset Makedonia, who not so long before had been sitting pretty.

Reduced to ten men, Makedonia had little chance, but survived until extra time. Cumming was the man who killed off Makedonia with two fine goals in the extra time period. However, Makedonia was unlucky to lose McMillan, a player so vital to the team.

Makedonia was as predictable as it has been all season, with the difference that the strengths didn't cover up the many weaknesses this time. However, it was played by bad luck during this and other games.

Makedonia plays little soccer in the sense of building attacks. The team relies heavily on through balls for Cullen and McMillan.

The defence has been suspect all season, and was shown up again to lack pace. The Preston backline was too square, and this was fully exploited by the runs of Murphy and Cumming.

The game failed to find a steady tempo as in the first half both sides challenged hard for the ball. With Beech marking Cumming out of the game,

ESSENDON CROATIA 4 (Cumming (3) 72nd, 94th, 107th, Murphy pen. 57th) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Petrovski 43rd, Ward 53rd) after extra time at Olympic Park. Crowd: 4000 (double header).

ESSENDON CROATIA: Blasby 6 — Short 7, Kokoska 7, Adams 7, Bilavar 7 — Murphy 8, Gardiner 8, Andrews 7 — Cumming 9.5 (Batinovic 108th min), Gilder 8, Paleka 6.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Kastner 7 — Rainey 6, Higham 5, Flavell 7, Beech 7 — Lesbirel 7 (Cunningham 100th min), Faulkner 5 (Garthwaite 100th min), Petrovski 7 — Cullen 7, McMillan 7 (sent off 74th min), Ward 6.

Referee: Chris Bambridge 6, Cautions: McMillan (M), Andrews (C) Sent off: McMillan (M).

and Paleka unable to make any headway against Rainey. Gilder was left to work on his own.

However, Makedonia had the best chances before going into the lead in the 43rd minute. Ljube Petrovski scored the goal when he lashed a 25-metre volley past Peter Blasby.

Makedonia continued to have a slight advantage, and made the score 2-0 when Ward, who had a lazy game, flicked in a header. The move started when Eric Lesbirel's corner found McMillan on the far post, and he headed to Ward, who did the rest from close range.

The first half play had been congested, but the game became more open in the second half. Murphy's penalty made it 1-2, but Blasby had to make a good save from Ward's header after a McMillan cross.

Cummings made it 2-2, and the Croatia machine was starting to hit top gear. With McMillan off the field, the running of the Croatia players ex-

posed Makedonia at the back.

The Croatia midfield started to assert itself, while the Makedonia midfield, which carried Jeff Faulkner the whole time he was on the field, failed to link up properly with its defence and attack.

Still, two Makedonia counter attacks worried Croatia. Petrovski flicked a pass to Cullen, who blazed over the bar, and soon after the same players combined, but Cullen's cross was too strong for Ward.

Extra time started, and within four minutes Cumming had broken the deadlock. A throw in from Short put Cumming away, and he dashed past Beech and Higham before planting a low shot past Kastner.

Again Makedonia fought back, and after a Cullen pass found Ward, Steve Kokoska kicked a ball of the goal line.

The game was well and truly finished when Howard Andrews crossed for Cumming to send a bullet-like header past Kastner to make the score 4-2.



Penalty or not? Tommy Cumming of Croatia (above, third right) heads downwards under pressure from Gordon Flavell of Makedonia. Also pictured (from right) are John Higham, Steve Beech (No 3) Jeff Faulkner (No 6) of Makedonia, and Carl Gilder of Croatia. Below — Vanning hits the turf as the players wait anxiously for referee Chris Bambridge's decision. Late on the scene are Howard Andrews of Croatia (far left) and Eric Lesbirel of Preston (second left). Croatia was awarded a penalty. Pictures by Les Shorrocks.



Frankston back in form

A masterly display by libero Tony Young set Frankston City on the way to the Dockerty Cup final with a 3-0 win over Slavia.

Young, the former Manchester Utd and York City professional, gave a polished display in the skills of distribution, reading the game and backing up fellow defenders.

It was Young who started many Frankston moves with precision passes from defence, and made the job of the midfield so much easier by giving that department good balls.

His game was stamped with class, and Frankston City will no doubt step up its efforts to lure Young back for the 1980 season.

Young provided depth in the Frankston defence, which was often missing when Danny McCluskey and Bob Adams filled the central defensive posts. McCluskey and Adams are better suited to play a stopper role.

Frankston's performance must have pleased coach Freddy Bunce. City played some fluid soccer during the game, and key players Noel Mitten and Kevin Swinscoe

showed their best form for some time.

Full back, and later midfielder, Alex Tulloch had an excellent game, and Vince Bannon was a forceful player at right back.

The scoreline was perhaps an injustice to Slavia, which had a lot of possession and forward play, but very little in the way of clear cut chances.

Forwards Dave Griffiths and Brian Monaghan worked well up front, but needed more support from the midfield.

Slavia's line up suffered an early change when strong centre half Glenn Westley had to leave the ground. Westley, who had missed two games with a knee injury, lasted only 15 minutes before being replaced by Liam Houston.

The Slavia midfield failed to produce enough drive. John Cullen is an aggressive player, and Steve Aldridge has great skills, but these two are better suited to other positions. Young defender Paul Wade

FRANKSTON CITY 3 (Mitten 13th, Swinscoe 44th, B. Young 90th) PRAHRAN SLAVIA 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 4000 (double header).

FRANKSTON CITY: Peterson 6 — V. Bannon 7, T. Young 9, Adams 6, Tulloch 8, — McCluskey 5 (Taylor 75th min) G. Bannon 7, Coulson 8 (Webster 78th min) — Mitten 8, Swinscoe 7, B. Young 6.

PRAHRAN SLAVIA: Nerri 6 — Train 7, Lawson 6, Westley injured (Houston 6, 15th), Wado 8, Cullen 6, Brindle 5, Aldridge 6 — Griffiths 8, Monaghan 7, Williams 7.

Referee: Stuart Mellings 8. Cautions: McCluskey, B. Young (F).

Frank Nerri, the Slavia goalkeeper, Neri half-smothered the shot, but can't be faulted for the goal as Mitten was in close range when he fired at the target.

Slavia was having trouble moving out of defence as Frankston was applying considerable pressure on the ball. Ged Bannon in particular was tackling with great gusto.

In the 20th minute Bob Adams hit the post with a header from a corner, and a first time shot under the body of

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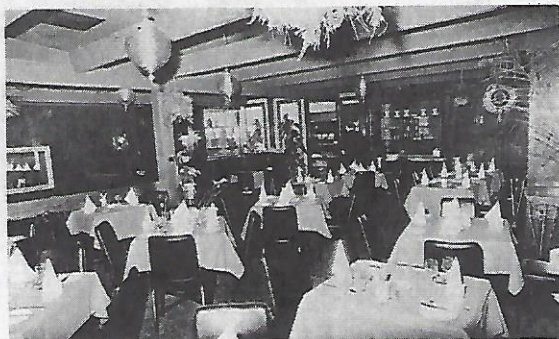
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CROATIA 'STEALS' CUP

By KYLE PATTERSON

Essendon Croatia 2 (Batinovic (2) 90th, 103rd) Frankston City 1 (Mitten 22nd after extra time) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 2500 — Dockerty Cup Final.

Essendon Croatia: Blasby 7 - Short 6, Kokoska 7, Adams 8, Blaver 7 - Gardiner 7, Andrews 7, Murphy 9 - Paleka 5 (Batinovic 7, 60th min), Gilder 6, Cumming 6.

Frankston City: Petersen 7 - V. Bannan 9, Adams 9, T. Young 8, Taylor 6, (Cooper 65th min) - G. Bannan 9, Tulloch 8, McCuskey 8 - Mitten 9, Swinscoe 6, B. Young 7 injured (Campbell 96th min).

Referee: Tony Beasleigh 7, Cautions G Bannan, Taylor (F) Blaver (C).

The record books will show that 1979 was the year of Essendon Croatia. The club won the Victorian State League championship for the second successive time, and stole the Dockerty Cup from Frankston City to complete the 'double.'

Records will also show that Croatia had five Victorian State team players in 1979, including Bill Fleming Medal winner Tom Cumming.

But Frankston City will probably not rate a mention in the history books. The great achievements of coach Freddy Bunce and his players will be forgotten.

This will be a great injustice, for 1979 so easily could have, and should have been the year of Frankston City. It seems likely that Frankston will finish the season out without a single honor, unless it can overcome the heartbreak of losing two trophies and win the State League Cup.

Frankston lost the championship on goal difference after leading the pack for 20 rounds. City's loss of the

Dockerty Cup is even more tragic.

Frankston was leading 1-0 in the last minute of play. It had played better soccer than Croatia and looked set for a deserved victory.

Then tragedy struck. Tony Young, who had an excellent game as sweeper in the Frankston defence, moved to the left touchline to cover a team mate.

As had happened all day, Young was correctly positioned to intercept a pass aimed for a Croatia forward. The former Manchester Utd and York City professional had not made a mistake during the game and no one would have imagined his one blunder would cost City the Dockerty Cup.

Young had two alternatives as a way of clearing the danger. Firstly, he could boot the ball up the line or into touch, which would cost Frankston possession, but guarantee safety for the time being.

The second alternative, which Young chose, was to turn and pass the ball back to goalkeeper Frank Petersen.

This would guarantee safety and at the same time keep the ball in Frankston's possession.

However, as Young turned to hit the ball back to Petersen, he slipped in a greasy patch. With no cover, Young was stranded, and Essendon Croatia's Ken Murphy nipped



The men of Essendon Croatia, with their Dockerty Cup winners' medals. Standing from left: supporter, Bill Beveridge (massour), Drago Krajina, Peter Blasby, Howard Andrews, John Gardiner, Carl Gilder, Steve Short, Steve Kokoska, Duja Zamunik (coach), Frank Burin (secretary-manager), Joe Solic (president), Boris Plesic (official); front row: Ivan Pavlovic, Rudi Ljubicic (officials), Boris Paleka, Keith Adams (behind Paleka), Ken Murphy, Tommy Cumming, Ante Blaver, Ned Batinovic, Tony Zeneral, Joe Fiamengo (official), Miro Franjic. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

in to steal the ball, only 30 metres from goal.

Murphy sped towards the goal and neatly cut the ball for substitute Ned Batinovic to slide-foot into the net past Petersen. Croatia had drawn level; Frankston was in a state of shock.

The Dockerty Cup had been less than 60 seconds away, but now it was a million miles adrift.

The final whistle blew with the teams still locked together but it was obvious Frankston was gone. The City players grouped together before the start of extra time, some motionless with shock, others walking around in disbelief

and a few kicking the ground in anger and disgust.

Whatever their state of mind, the Frankston players were defeated men, even though the score was 1-1. They knew their magnificent efforts over the previous 90 minutes were wasted. They had played their match, but they had not won.

In extra time it was Croatia's turn to play. Its players knew they were lucky to get a second chance and there was no way they were going to blow it.

Croatia attacked for almost the entire 20 minutes of extra time and grabbed the winning goal.

Tommy Cumming, who had been unsighted for most of the day bobbed up when the time was right. He collected the ball, zipped past Tony Young on the right flank and raced to the by-line.

Cumming then knocked the ball back to Batinovic, who once again side-footed the ball into the net.

Croatia was the Dockerty Cup winner for 1979 about seven minutes later after surviving a belated Frankston rearguard action.

Frankston City will always have bitter memories about September 30, 1979, the day it lost the Cup.

So will Ged and Vince Bannan, Bob Adams, Tony Young and Noel Mitten, who played superbly for Frankston.

Frankston was excellent in the first 20 minutes. Mitten and Bruce Young were dangerous up front, Danny McCuskey, Alex Tulloch and Ged Bannan were driving forces in the midfield, and Tony Young, Bob Adams and Vince Bannan were the masters in defence.

Frankston pushed forward confidently, with Tony Young starting things at the back, and Mitten roaming free on the forwardline.

City restricted Croatia by applying considerable pressure on the player in possession. The Frankston midfield closed down Croatia quickly, and the back four formed a

solid wall which blunted the striking duo of Carl Gilder and Cumming.

And when Croatia started to gain ascendancy in the second half, the Frankston back four answered all challenges.

Bob Adams marked Gilder out of the game, which effectively threw a spanner in the Croatia attack works. Adams wasn't letting Gilder have a second on the ball, and hustled and battered all day.

With Gilder unable to work freely, Croatia had no target man. The Essendon players work heavily in getting balls to Gilder to lay off to strikers or midfielders, or to hold possession to allow team mates to run into forward positions.

Croatia couldn't do this, and so the team's attacking drive had to come from Murphy, who created openings with his strong running at the Frankston back four.

The Frankston attack was hindered by Kevin Swinscoe's inability to shake off Steve Kokoska. However, even though Swinscoe didn't function properly as the side's target man, he did create a lot of room for Mitten.

With Swinscoe occupying Kokoska, Mitten roamed freely. Sweeper Keith Adams picked him up at times, but couldn't desert his sweeper post to follow Mitten everywhere.

Likewise, the Croatia full backs Steve Short and Ante Blaver wouldn't follow Mitten once he ventured off the flanks for fear of leaving the defence exposed.

Bruce Young had a good start but often held the ball too long. As the game progressed, he didn't feature much in the play.

Cumming was blunted by Vince Bannan in the first half, and contained fairly well by Alex Tulloch in the second half.

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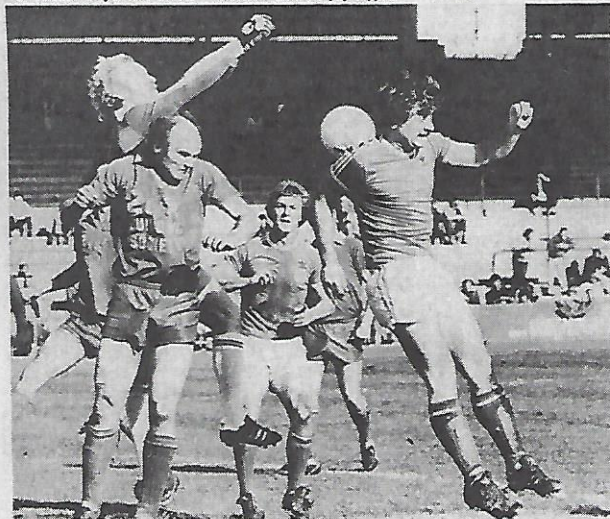
Previous winners

The Dockerty Cup competition is 70 years old. Previous winners of the Cup:

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1910 Carlton United.	1944 Brighton
1911 St. Kilda	1945 Moreland-Hakoah
1912 Williamstown	1946 Prahran
1913 Yarraville	1947 South Yarra
1914 Melbourne Thistle	1948 Park Rangers
1915 Melbourne Thistle	1949 Park Rangers
1916	1950 Moreland
1917 First world war	1951 J.U.S.T.
1918	1952 Brighton
1919 Footscray Thistle	1953 Hakoah
1920 Finalists: Albert Park	1954 Hakoah
and Northumberland and	1955 Hakoah
Durham - game abandoned.	1956 Hakoah
1921 Northumberland and	1957 Moreland
Durham	1958 Ringwood City
1922 Albert Park	1959 George Cross
1923 St. Kilda	1960 Juventus
1924 Navy	1961 Polonia
1925 Melbourne Thistle	1962 George Cross
1926 Navy	1963 J.U.S.T.
1927 Footscray Thistle	1964 Slavia
1928 Navy	1965 Slavia
1929 Footscray Thistle	1966 Hakoah
1930 Footscray Thistle	1967 Slavia
1931 Wonthaggi Magpies	1968 Croatia
1932 Footscray Thistle	1969 Croatia
1933 Brighton	1970 Juventus
1934 Royal Caledonians	1971 Juventus
1935 Hakoah	1972 Juventus
1936 Royal Caledonians	1973 Hakoah
1937 Brighton	1974 5th Melb Hellas
1938 Nobels	1975 5th Melb Hellas
1939 I.C.I. (formerly	1976 J.U.S.T.
Nobels)	1977 Juventus
1940 I.C.I.	1978 George Cross
1941 Moreland	1979 Essendon Croatia
1942 Prahran	

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1913 Burns FC	1951 South Yarra
1914 Sandringham	1952 Juventus
1915-20. No competition	1953 Footscray City
1921 Thistle	1954 Moreland
1922 Footscray Thistle	1955 Juventus
1923 Footscray Thistle	1956 Hakoah
1924 Essendon	1957 Polonia
1925 Brunswick	1958 Hakoah
1926 Essendon City	1959 Polonia
1927 No competition	1960 Box Hill
1928 No competition	1961 Ringwood City
1929 Navy Reserve	1962 No competition
1930 Navy Reserve	1963 Box Hill
1931 South Yarra	1964 Hakoah
1932 Footscray Thistle	1965 St. Albans
1933 Royal Caledonian and	1966 Croatia
South Melbourne	1967 Slavia
1934 No competition	1968 footscray J.U.S.T.
1935 South Yarra	1969 Ringwood City
1936 No competition	1970 Hakoah
1937 South Yarra	1971 Ringwood City
1938 Nobels	1972 Ringwood City
1939 I.C.I. (Nobels)	1973 Polonia
1940 I.C.I.	1974 North Carlton
1941-45 no competition	1975 Hakoah
1946 Sunshine United	1976 George Cross
1947 Prahran	1977 Essendon Croatia
1948 No competition	1978 Green Gully Ajax
1949 No competition	1979 Slavia
1950 South Yarra	



Frankston goalkeeper Frank Petersen punches the ball at the back of Croatia's Boris Paleka as he soars above his team mate, Vince Bannan. In the background is Carl Gilder. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

CONSOLATION FOR SLAVIA

Slavia 2 (Crawford 2) Green Gully Ajax 1 (Matevski), Armstrong Cup final for reserves at Olympic Park.

Slavia: Baxter, G. Haupt, N. Haupt, Golby, Gooch, Hume, McGorian, Cooke, Kinnear, Ward, Crawford.

Ajax: Lukac, Hogben, G. Banagan, P. Gambin (H. Torner half time), T. Vella, Karlicek, Daniels, Catterson, Mansinelli, matevski, B. Torner.



Slavia - winner of the 1979 Armstrong Cup. Standing (left to right) Harry Chalkidis (senior coach), Colin Hasler (reserve coach), Paul Wade, Mike McGorian, Paul Cooke, Danny Ward, Ian Crawford, John Cullen, Tony Kinnear, Steve Price, Vince French (secretary). Front (left to right) - Ken Lyons (trainer), Daryl Gooch, Ray Baxter, Graham Haupt, David Hume, Neville Haupt, Mark Golby, John Koena (official). Picture: STEVE CHATZIS

ting both goals in this 2-1 victory over Ajax in the Harry Armstrong Cup final.

Slavia notched the Armstrong-Dockerty Cup double in 1967.

Ajax was confident before the game, as it won the 1978 Armstrong Cup 5-2 against Makedonia.

However, Slavia won fairly easily, leading 2-0 before Matevski scored Ajax's consolation goal.

And so both teams have a trophy by which to remember a disastrous league season for both of them.

Slavia finished second last but has the Armstrong Cup to add to an impressive collection of trophies which includes the Australia Cup.

Slavia reserves coach Colin Hasler, a former senior coach of Box Hill said: "I was pleased with the result, but I would have preferred a more attractive performance from the boys.

"Still, the Cup is some consolation for our supporters."

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Mark Trenter (second left) scores one of the goals that won Sydney City the top four grand final last season against Marconi. Also pictured are (from right) Allan Maher, Bertie Mariani (Marconi), Joe Watson (Sydney City), Jimmy Rooney and Stuart Selva (Marconi).

Scheinflug's secret plans to halt Utd?

Papaouannou 'too expensive'

South Melbourne Hellas' plan to sign Mimis Papaouannou appears to have fallen through.

Hellas president Sam Papasavas said on his return from Greece last week that Papaouannou was too expensive.

"He's looking for between \$30,000 and \$40,000 a year," Mr. Papasavas said.

"How can we afford money like that? Papaouannou may end up playing in America."

"Antoniadis left Olympiakos recently and got a \$25,000 signing-on fee from Atromitos. Players like that would draw well here but they're out of our reach."

"And there's no chance of Mimis Domazos coming here either. "He'll play a couple more years for AEK. He's still one of their best players," Mr. Papasavas said.

Yet he was disappointed with Greek soccer. "The standard is poor," he said. "AEK and Olympiakos are well below their best and Mike Galakos appears to be the only real star."

Mr. Papasavas said Hellas aimed to sign a defender, a midfielder and a striker for next season. "But they have to be the right ones. We don't want to repeat the mistakes we made this year."

Mr. Papasavas said Hellas hoped to retain most of its 1978 players, including Stuart Baxter and Alan Evans who have talked about transferring. Winger George Campbell has been negotiating with APLA.

Mr. Papasavas is hoping that his club is readmitted to the Philips League. Hellas and Olympic, which finished in the last two positions, have had to apply for membership, along with other clubs seeking to get into the league.

A sub-committee comprising Ivo Prskalo (Queensland), Paul Trisley (Newcastle KB United) and Vic Tutting (ASF vice-president) interviewed representatives of applicant clubs last week.

The Council of Clubs meets on Friday and will make recommendations about league membership to the league committee which meets the following day.

Recommendations will then be made to the Australian Soccer Federation executive which will make the final decisions.

Mr. Papasavas, is chairman of the Philips League, said he did not think the league would be increased to 16 teams.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Philips League giants Marconi and Heidelberg United will meet for the third time this year in the opening round of the top four series at Marconi Oval on Sunday.

In the other opening-round match, Brisbane City clashes with Sydney City at Perry Park in Brisbane.

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug is laying secret plans which he hopes will finally yield a victory over Heidelberg which has beaten the Sydney team 4-0 and 3-2 this year.

Scheinflug said before the last Philips League game that he would observe Heidelberg very closely, hoping to gain an insight to any weaknesses Marconi may be able to exploit in the top four series.

There weren't any weaknesses, but at least Scheinflug now knows all about Heidelberg's strengths.

Obviously Marconi has to counter those strengths, but more important, its forwards have to do more work than they did in the 2-3 loss a few weeks ago.

Much will depend on whether Ivo Prskalo is fit to play. His leg was badly bruised in the last match against Heidelberg.

Jamie Paton was closely marked last time yet still managed to score two goals. There's little you can do to stop him. He's dead in the penalty area and he's ever-alert to mistakes by defenders.

But to be effective, he needs Gary Cole and Brian Buljevic firing as well. If they play the ball in, he'll put it away.

Heidelberg's full backs Arthur McMillan and Jim Tansey created havoc with their runs down the flanks last time but they'll probably play it safe this time. Knowing it's wise not to tempt fate.

Ken Lindsay will probably mark Rooney again but the way he's been playing, Rooney should again dictate much of Heidelberg's play. Similarly, Gary Byrne should be Marconi's motor man.

Roberto Vieri has been out for a while due to injury but the two-week break may enable him to recover and play in this match. His passes to Sharpe could decide the match.

But Allan Maher will have to improve a lot in goal. It was his inability to hold low shots cleanly that led to Marconi's 2-3 loss to Heidelberg at Olympic Park.

Likely teams:
MARCONI: Maher — Brogan, Prskalo, Russell, Degney — Lindsay, Henderson, Byrne — Krncevic, Jankovics, Sharpe.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic — McMillan, Bannan, Yzenoorn, Tansey — Campbell, Taylor, Rooney — Cole, Paton, Buljevic.

Previous results: 1977 — Mar 8-1, 0-0, 1978 — Mar 4-0, H'berg 4-1; 1979 — H'berg 4-0, J-2.

It's a shame Sydney City's ace striker Terry Smith didn't see out the season. City could sure use him against Brisbane City on Sunday.

Smith played only 16 league matches but scored 10 goals in that time — an excellent scoring rate.

Mark Trenter probably will be in Smith's position on Sunday and coach Gerry Chaldi hopes Trenter will repeat the hat-trick performance he put on against Canberra.

Certainly he, as well as Joe Watson and Hilton Silva, will have to be at their best to crack the powerful Brisbane City defence.

David Ratcliffe, Steve Perry, Bill Wilkinson and George Potter have been the backbone of Brisbane City all season but the match against South Melbourne showed that even they have their faults.

The defence tends to be square, meaning it could be vulnerable if John Stevenson hits some long through balls to Watson and Silva.

Likely teams:
BRISBANE CITY: Wishart — Perry, Ratcliffe, Potter or Echeverria — Coyne, Pimblett, Gaffney — Campbell, Kelso, Low.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke — Mullen, O'Connor, Thomson or Kershaw, Bruce — Stevenson, Barnes, Souness — Watson, Trenter, Silva.

Previous results, 1977 — SC 3-1, 0-0, 1978 — SC 2-0, 3-0, 1979 — SC 1-0, BC 1-0.



Talented Heidelberg midfielder Jim Campbell (right) challenges Sammy Wright of South Melbourne. Picture by Les Shorrocks.

PSL TOP FOUR SERIES DRAW

The draw for the top four

championship:

OCTOBER 7:

Marconi v Heidelberg Utd at Marconi Stadium, 3 pm.

Brisbane City v Sydney City at Perry Park, 3 pm.

OCTOBER 14:

Heidelberg Utd v Brisbane City at Olympic Park.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 19:

Heidelberg Utd v Sydney City, at Olympic Park 8 pm.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21:

Brisbane City v Marconi at Perry Park, 3 pm.

All-time standing in the PSL

	HOME					AWAY					Goals	Bonus	
	P	W	D	L	F	P	W	D	L	F		P	Pts
1. MARCONI													
1977(2nd)	26	7	4	2	15	8	8	3	2	27	13		37
1978 4th	26	8	3	2	20	14	4	3	6	18	17		30
1979(1st)	26	7	4	2	25	16	8	2	3	33	18		40
TOTAL	78	22	11	6	80	38	20	8	11	76	48		107
2. SYDNEY CITY													
1977(1st)	26	8	3	2	30	16	5	8	0	22	12		37
1978(2nd)	26	7	2	3	27	10	8	3	3	28	17		35
1979(3rd)	26	6	1	6	24	21	9	2	2	23	8		34
TOTAL	78	21	6	11	81	47	22	13	6	71	37		106
3. HEIDELBERG													
1977(3rd)	26	8	2	3	26	20	4	6	3	15	14		32
1978(5th)	26	5	3	6	17	15	4	5	4	22	24		26
1979(2nd)	26	8	4	1	21	12	8	3	4	23	18		36
TOTAL	78	21	9	8	64	47	14	11	14	60	56		94
4. ADELAIDE CITY													
1977 4th	26	7	3	3	29	13	5	4	4	21	18		31
1978 10th	26	5	2	4	18	12	4	4	7	20	32		24
1979(5th)	26	8	3	4	18	14	7	3	3	25	13		33
TOTAL	78	18	8	11	65	39	16	11	14	66	63		88
5. WEST ADELAIDE													
1977 7th	26	3	5	5	18	20	5	5	3	20	12		26
1978(1st)	26	9	1	3	24	14	7	3	3	18	13		36
1979(7th)	26	6	2	5	17	11	4	2	7	11	20		25
TOTAL	78	18	8	13	59	45	16	10	13	49	45		87
6. BRISBANE CITY													
1977(10th)	26	6	3	4	16	10	2	3	8	14	25		22
1978(14th)	26	4	2	7	15	22	3	1	9	14	27		17
1979(4th)	26	8	2	3	22	11	6	3	4	18	19		34
TOTAL	78	18	7	14	53	43	11	7	21	46	61		73
7. ST GEORGE													
1977(6th)	26	5	7	1	21	13	2	7	4	18	22		28
1978(7th)	26	7	1	5	20	17	4	2	7	21	23		25
1979(11th)	26	3	4	6	13	21	4	2	7	14	22		20
TOTAL	78	15	12	12	54	51	10	11	18	53	67		73
8. BRISBANE LIONS													
1977(9th)	26	6	3	4	18	17	3	2	8	9	24		23
1978(6th)	26	4	6	3	16	15	4	4	5	21	24		26
1979(9th)	26	5	1	7	18	24	3	5	5	10	16		22
TOTAL	78	15	10	14	52	56	10	11	18	40	64		71
9. STH. MELBOURNE													
1977(11th)	26	3	5	5	12	13	4	3	8	15	22		22
1978(3rd)	26	7	3	3	26	12	5	5	3	19	18		32
1979(14th)	26	4	2	7	20	15	2	1	10	10	25		16
TOTAL	78	14	10	15	58	40	11	9	19	44	65		70
10. FOOTSCRAY													
1977(8th)	26	6	3	4	24	19	3	3	7	12	20		24
1978(12th)	26	2	3	8	17	21	5	5	3	12	18		22
1979(10th)	26	5	1	7	17	20	3	2	8	12	23		20
TOTAL	78	13	7	19	58	60	11	10	18	36	61		66
11. OLYMPIC													
1977(12th)	26	5	3	5	18	19	2	4	7	7	19		21
1978(8th)	26	3	3	8	17	26	6	4	2	18	17		25
1979 13th	26	2	3	8	8	16	5	2	6	15	15		19
TOTAL	78	10	9	21	43	60	13	10	15	40	51		65
12. CANBERRA													
1977 1st	26	3	3	7	13	19	2	4	7	9	20		17
1978(13th)	26	2	8	3	19	20	3	2	8	9	21		20
1979(12th)	26	2	4	7	12	24	4	4	5	13	17		20
TOTAL	78	7	15	17	44	63	9	10	20	32	58		57
13. NEWCASTLE													
1977													
1978(11th)	26	3	6	4	19	20	3	4	6	14	20		22
1979(6th)	26	7	4	2	24	12	4	5	4	19	18		32
TOTAL	52	10	10	6	43	32	7	9	10	33	38		54
14. WESTERN SUBS.													
1977(5th)	26	5	5	3	21	12	6	2	5	17	17		29
1978(9th)	26	6	4	3	25	18	3	2	8	16	27		24
1979													
TOTAL	52	11	9	6	46	30	9	4	13	33	44		53
15. APIA													
1977 1978													
1979(8th)	26	6	2	5	16	16	5	1	7	13	21		29
16. MOOROOLBARK													
1977 14th	26	2	5	6	17	24	3	0	10	14	37		15
1978 1979													

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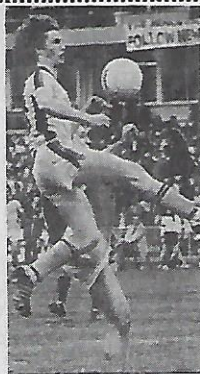
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SCORERS AND STARS OF '79



● **Malcolm McClelland** (Newcastle KB Utd). Picture by Les Shorrock.

These are the goalscorers and player ratings (based on the JAT award) for each of the Philips League clubs. Ratings are listed first, then, in brackets the number of appearances of at least 35 minutes, plus shorter appearances for which no rating was given:

ADELAIDE CITY

20-26 matches

- 7.46 Marshall (26).
- 7.45 Russell (20).
- 7.20 B. Nyskohus (26), Dodds (25+1).
- 7.11 J. Nyskohus (26).
- 7.08 Perin (25).
- 7.04 Muniz (22).
- 7.10 Deans (19+2).
- 6.88 Northcote (25).
- 6.85 Kent (24).

10-19 matches

- 7.80 Muir (12+1).
- 7.18 Besir (11+1).
- 7.16 Marve (8+5).
- 7.12 Villani (8+5).

1-9 matches

- 7.0 Magliacolo (1).
- 6.85 Marocchi (7+2).
- 6.25 Melia (4+3).

Goalscorers:

- 8. Deans.
- 7. Kent, J. Nyskohus.
- 6. Villani.
- 5. Northcote.
- 3. Perin, Marve.
- 2. Muniz.
- 1. Marocchi, Dodds.

APIA - LEICHHARDT

20-26 matches

- 7.47 Woodhouse (23).
- 7.16 Rampanti (18+2).
- 7.12 Wilson (24).
- 7.08 Butler (23+1).
- 7.04 Stone (22).
- 7.0 O'Donnell (16+5).
- 6.83 Carruthers (18+2).
- 6.52 Reed (18+2).

10-19 matches:

- 8.0 Dempsey (17).
- 7.31 Turnbull (16+2).
- 7.15 Skellern (14+1).
- 7.14 Pullen (14+3).
- 7.00 Roberts (13).
- 6.80 Vernon (7+3).
- 6.81 McGinn (13).
- 6.40 Drews (7+7).

1-9 matches:

- 7.00 Richards (4).
- 6.66 McQuire (3).
- 5.70 Rowden (7).
- 5.66 Scott (3+1).
- 5.66 Samuels (3+5).

Goalscorers:

- 7. Reed.
- 4. Butler.
- 3. Stone.
- 2. Carruthers, Drews, Roberts.
- 1. Samuels, O'Donnell, Scott, Wilson, Rampanti, Dempsey.

BRISBANE CITY

20-26 matches:

- 7.62 Perry (24).
- 7.58 Potter (24+1).
- 7.57 Ratcliffe (21+1).

10-19 matches:

- 7.87 Tokesi (8+1).
- 5.75 Rathmell (4).
- No rating: Conney (0+1).

Goalscorers:

- 11. Low.
- 6. Campbell, Kelso.
- 4. Caldwell.
- 3. Echeverria, Coyne.
- 2. Gaffney.
- 1. Pimblott, Perry, Brusasco.

BRISBANE LIONS

20-26 matches

- 7.57 Hermiston (26).
- 7.20 Bennett (26).
- 7.11 Ontong (18+3).
- 7.00 Lownds (25).
- 6.72 Brennan (22+1).
- 6.65 Lawrie (23+2).
- 6.31 Hughes (19+3).

10-19 matches

- 6.93 Fairbrother (16+1).
- 6.85 Niven (14).
- 6.81 Millman (11+1).
- 6.52 Spearritt (19).
- 6.58 Ogden (12+1).
- 6.50 Russell (8+3).
- 6.27 Wallace (11+3).

1-9 matches

- 7.44 Lavelle (9).
- 7.00 Amos (4+1), McGregor (4), Scanlon (1), Dann (1).
- 6.42 Conner (7).
- 6.28 Wilson (7+2).
- 6.20 Laslo (6+5).
- 6.00 Low (2+1).

No rating:

- Anderson (0+1).

Goalscorers:

- 10. Brennan.
- 4. Fairbrother, Hughes.
- 3. Spearritt.
- 2. Hermiston.
- 1. Wallace, Amos, Wilson, Millman.

CANBERRA CITY

20-26 matches

- 7.38 Milovanovic (21).
- 7.31 Davies (22+1).
- 7.23 Byrne (26), Brown (26).
- 7.19 Hoszowski (26).
- 7.15 Moulis (26).
- 6.95 Cand (22+1).

10-19 matches

- 7.41 Stark (17).
- 7.30 McLaren (13).
- 6.84 Farrell (19).
- 6.75 Hogg (12+1).
- 6.72 Kawaleva (11+5).
- 6.50 Fielding (14+2), Gruljic (6+9).

1-9 matches

- 6.30 Salgado (10).
- 7.22 Callaghan (9).
- 7.00 Williams (3+1), P. Reis (1+1).
- 6.25 Lustica (4+2).
- 6.00 Arquero (3).
- 6.80 Bailey (5+2).

No ratings:

- Talevisi (0+1), A. Reis (0+1), Stoddard (0+1).

Goalscorers:

- 7.80 Lujic (25).
- 7.34 Kondarios (26).
- 7.19 Palinkas (26).
- 7.18 Potter (22).
- 7.00 Jovanovic (19+1).
- 6.95 Ollerton (23).
- 6.80 Ilioki (21+1).
- 6.75 Picciano (25).
- 6.72 Ristic (25).

10-19 matches

- 7.20 O'Reilly (10).
- 6.58 Rujovic (17+2).

Goalscorers:

- 1. Paton.
- 10. Cole.
- 6. Buljevic.
- 5. Taylor.
- 2. Boziskas, Campbell, Zvendorn.
- 1. Selamidis, Tansey.



The leaders

Leading averages in the 1979 Yugoslav Airlines

"Soccer Action" Player of the year award:

8.04 Ivo Prskalo (Marc).

7.76 Crook (WA).

7.72 Rooney (H'berg).

7.69 Clarke (SC).

7.62 Perry (BC).

7.60 Lujic (Foot).

7.58 J. Campbell (H'berg), Potter (BC).

7.57 Ratcliffe (BC), Hermiston (BL).

7.53 Boden (Newc).

7.52 Curran (Newc).

7.50 Buljevic (H'berg), Drinkwater (Newc).

7.47 Woodhouse (APIA), Wilkinson (BC).

7.46 Marshall (AC), Bell (SO).

7.45 Russell (AC).

7.44 Henderson (Marc).

7.43 Bannon (H'berg), Jankovics (Marc).

7.42 Sharpe (Marc).

7.41 S. O'Connor (SC).

7.40 Summerscale (Newc).

7.38 Milovanovic (Can).

7.37 G. Byrne (Marc).

7.36 Souness (SC).

7.35 Pye (SM).

7.34 Kondarios (Foot).

7.31 Davies (Can).

6.53 Jovicic (15).

6.37 Hazabent (16+1).

6.14 Ristovski (14+2).

1-9 matches

- 8.00 Boland (4).
- 7.00 Ciri (1).
- 6.33 Vasic (3+3).
- 6.00 Todorovic (1+2), Belic (1+1), Carpenter (1).

Goalscorers:

- 7. Picioane, Palinkas.
- 4. Ollerton.
- 3. Ristovski, Kondarios.
- 2. Lujic, Ilioki.
- 1. Rujovic.

HEIDELBERG UTD

20-26 GAMES

- 7.72 Rooney (25).
- 7.58 Campbell (24).
- 7.50 Buljevic (26).
- 7.43 Bannon (21+2).
- 7.23 Tansey (26).
- 7.10 McMillan (20).
- 7.04 Taylor (22+1).
- 6.96 Banovic (25).
- 6.84 Cole (26).

10-19 GAMES

- 7.66 Paton (15+1).
- 7.50 Zvendorn (16).
- 6.94 Provan (18).
- 6.40 Selamidis (5+5).
- 6.25 Boziskas (12.5).

1-9 GAMES

- 8.00 Yankos (1).
- 7.00 Marner (1).
- 6.00 O'Reilly (6).
- 5.50 Micavski (2+1).

Goalscorers:

- 1. Paton.
- 10. Cole.
- 6. Buljevic.
- 5. Taylor.
- 2. Boziskas, Campbell, Zvendorn.
- 1. Selamidis, Tansey.

NEWCASTLE KB UTD

20-26 MATCHES

- 7.53 Boden (26).
- 7.52 Curran (25).
- 7.50 Drinkwater (26).
- 7.40 Summerscale (20).
- 7.22 McClelland (18+5).
- 7.21 Tredinnick (19+5).
- 7.20 Heys (24).
- 7.00 Willis (24).

10-19 MATCHES

- 7.57 Senkalski (14+1).
- 7.22 Sneddon (9+4).
- 7.20 Seddon (10).
- 7.16 Dando (18).
- 7.13 Bertogna (15).
- 6.71 Cowburn (14).

1-9 MATCHES

- 7.66 Preston (9).
- 7.00 Mason (3+2), Endacott (2).
- 6.50 Keelan (6), McBreen (4+2).
- 6.33 Harris (6).
- no rating: Jones (0+3).

Goalscorers:

- 12. Bodnar.
- 7. Drinkwater.
- 6. Curran, Heys.
- 3. Summerscale.
- 2. Cowburn, Senkalski.
- 1. Sneddon, Jones, McClelland.

MARCONI

20-26 MATCHES

- 8.04 Prskalo (25).
- 7.44 Henderson (25).
- 7.43 Jankovics (23).
- 7.42 Sharpe (26).
- 7.37 Byrne (24).
- 7.30 Krcovic (26).
- 7.20 Russell (23+1).
- 7.03 Degney (26), Maher (26).

10-19 MATCHES

- 7.10 Vieri (19).
- 7.00 Mariani (7+5).
- 6.90 Brogan (13+2).

ST. GEORGE

20-26 MATCHES

- 7.19 Utjesenovic (21).
- 7.13 O'Connor (22).
- 6.96 J. O'Shea (26).
- 6.94 Grosse (19+1).
- 6.93 Hensman (16+4).
- 6.92 R. O'Shea (26).
- 6.68 Harris (25), Cotten (22+1).

10-19 MATCHES

- 7.40 Fraser (15).
- 6.81 Coe (11).
- 6.69 Katholos (13+1).
- 6.56 Della Picca (16+2).
- 6.55 Matic (9+2).
- 6.50 Mihajlovic (13).
- 6.37 Fenoughty (7+3).
- 5.42 Morgan (7+3).

1-9 MATCHES

- 6.00 Terry (6), Kay (2+4), Barton (1+1).
- 5.00 Holmik (1).
- No rating: Grooms (0+1).

Goalscorers:

- 7. O'Connor, Cotten.
- 3. J. O'Shea.
- 2. Morgan, Katholos, Hensman.
- 1. Matic, Gnani, Grosse.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

20-26 MATCHES

- 7.47 Davidson (19+2).
- 7.35 Pye (20).
- 7.28 Baxter (25).
- 7.08 Evans (25).
- 6.90 Campbell (24).
- 6.62 Lutton (24+1).
- 6.60 Kafatidis (23).
- 6.27 Christopoulos (20+2).
- 6.21 Wright (19+2).

10-19 MATCHES

- 6.50 Drakeford (12).
- 6.20 Turner (10+2), Munro (10).
- 6.18 Laumets (11).
- 6.16 Cummings (12+4).

1-9 MATCHES

- 7.83 Boland (6).
- 7.14 Ristovski (7).
- 6.80 Reilly (5).
- 6.50 Kyriakoulas (8).
- 6.33 Kakantonis (3+1).
- 6.00 Scarlett (1).
- 5.75 Hansen (4).
- 5.50 Carr (4+4).

Goalscorers:

- 7. Evans.
- 3. Ristovski, Baxter, Christopoulos.
- 2. Campbell, Cummings, Davidson.
- 1. Kakantonis, Drakeford, Kafatidis, Wright.

SYDNEY CITY

20-26 MATCHES

- 7.69 Clarke (26).
- 7.41 O'Connor (24).
- 7.36 Souness (25).
- 7.23 Watson (21).
- 7.07 Barnes (26).
- 7.05 Campbell (19+3).
- 7.04 Bruce (24+1).
- 6.96 Stevenson (25).
- 6.68 Silva (20).

10-19 MATCHES

- 7.54 Thomson (11+2).
- 7.45 Trenter (11+2).
- 6.81 Mullen (16), Smith (16).
- 6.66 Kershaw (15+1).

1-9 MATCHES

- 7.10 Vieri (19).
- 7.00 Mariani (7+5).
- 6.90 Brogan (13+2).

Goalscorers:

- 1. Kakantonis, Drakeford, Kafatidis, Wright.

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then Mitten ran well to get on the end of a Coulson cross, but headed over.

Mitten played very well in the first half, and was getting away from his opponents on many occasions.

Frankston went further ahead in the 45th minute when Neri committed himself, but missed a corner kick in the goalmouth, and the ball was knocked towards goal.

Jim Train was on the line, but instead of clearing the ball first-time, he tried to stop it first. The ball bounced awkwardly, and rebounded off Train's shins to Swinscoe, who gleefully belted the ball home from point blank range.

Monaghan headed over from a Williams corner, and Slavia started to apply more pressure to Frankston.

Still, it was Frankston which was able to carve out the better scoring chances. Ged Bannon made several runs in behind the Slavia defence, and on one occasion it was only the good covering of Train that

prevented Bruce Young sneaking a goal at the far post.

At the other end, Griffiths made a run through the centre of the Frankston defence, but ignored the call of Aldridge, who was free on the right. Griffiths lost the ball, with Aldridge in a good position to score.

Swinscoe made a bullocking run past three defenders before squaring for Bruce Young, who hit a swerving shot just over the bar.

Mitten missed a great chance after Ged Bannon set him up, but almost made amends soon after when his shot to the far post brought a great save from Neri.

Slavia, for all its pains, received no reward for its second half efforts. Instead, Frankston increased its lead to three goals.

Bruce Young, who had an interesting battle with Train, managed to shrug off the Slavia defender in the 90th minute and run onto Swinscoe's pass. Young's shot went in off the post. — KYLE PATTERSON.



● **Slobodan Jovanovic** (Footscray). Picture by Les Shorrock.

1-9 MATCHES:

- 7.00 Patikas (1+4).
- 6.60 Gornex (4+1).
- 6.00 Webber (1+1), McGeogh (1), Marcos Silva (1).
- 5.40 Borges (5+2).
- No rating: Harris (0+1).

Goalscorers:

- 10. Smith.
- 7. Barnes.
- 6. Watson, Trenter.
- 5. Stevenson.
- 4. Souness, Silva.
- 2. Campbell.
- 1. Thompson, Mullen.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

20-26 MATCHES

- 7.46 Bell (26).
- 7.23 K. Wilson (26).
- 7.19 Raskopoulos (26).
- 7.00 Laing (25).
- 6.88 Jennings (19+1).
- 6.54 Gross (22).
- 6.50 McIntosh (22+3).
- 5.77 Eaton (17+6).

10-19 MATCHES:

- 7.47 Meier (19).
- 7.00 Ainslie (12+3).
- 6.63 Jamieson (11+1).
- 6.50 Rowden (16+1).
- 6.35 Scott (17+1).

1-9 MATCHES:

- 7.42 P. Wilson (7+1).
- 6.6

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Frank, Erzsébet, Budapest



Budapest, Walter, Bremen



Kathy, Barbara, Melbourne, 1979

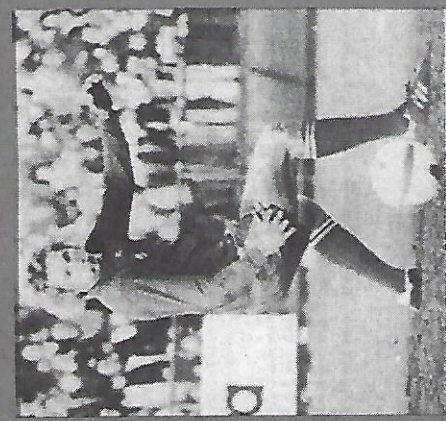
TEAM OF THE YEAR

This is "Soccer Action's" Team of the Year based on votes gained in the Yugoslav Airline Player of the Year award. Runners-up in each position are also shown. Voting averages are indicated. Note: Only players who played a minimum of 20 games have been included:

Last year's Team of the Year:

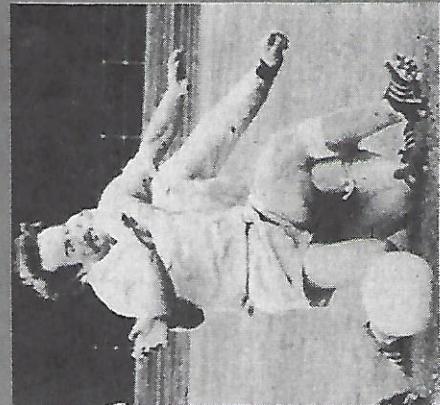
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Peter SHARNE (Marconi)		Ken RODEN (Newcastle)	Zdravko LULIC (Footscray)

1977 Team of the Year: Martyn Crook (W. Adelaide), Mike Pye (Sth Melb), Jim Hermitson (Brisb. Lions), Peter Wilson (West. Suburbs), Terry Richards (W. Adelaide), Ray Richards (Marconi), Murray Barnes (Syd. City), Jimmy Rooney (Marconi), Jos Watson (Syd. City), Terry Smith (Syd. City), Branko Buljevic (Heidelberg)

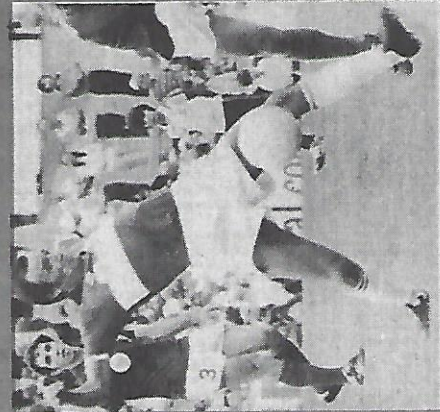


Martyn
CROOK (7.96)
(West Adelaide)

7.69 Clarka (Sydney City)
7.47 Greg Woodhouse (APIA)



Steve
PERRY (7.62)
(Brisbane City)
7.45 Russell (Adel. C)
7.35 Pye (Sth Melb)



Ivo
PRSKALO (8.04)
(Marconi)



George
POTTER (7.58)
(Brisb. City)

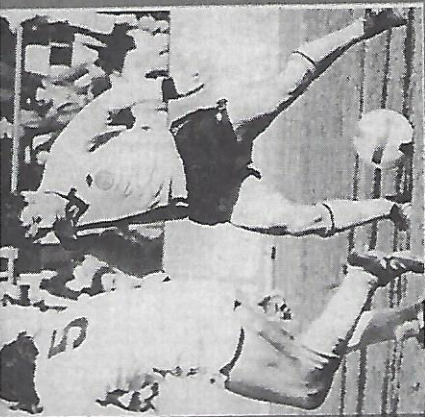


Col
CURRAN (7.52)
(Newcastle)
7.47 Wikström (Brisbane C)
7.38 Milovencovic
(Canberra)

7.57 Ratcliffe (Brisb. C), R. Hermitson (Brisb. Lions),
7.50 Drinkwater (Newc), 7.46 Bell (Syd. Olympic)



**Jim
CAMPBELL (7.58)**
(Heidelberg)

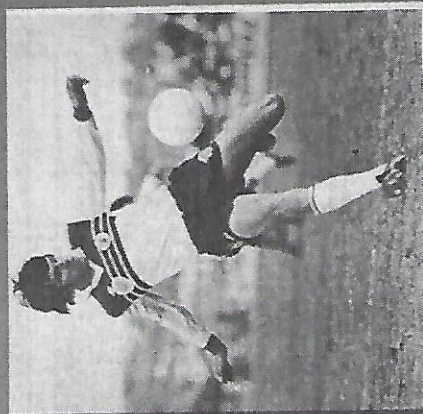


**Jimmy
ROONEY (7.72)**
(Heidelberg)

7.44 Henderson (Marc), 7.37 Byrne (Marc),
7.36 Scouress (Sydney City), 7.31 Davies (Canberra).



**Mark
JANKOVICS (7.43)**
(Marconi)



**Ken
BODEN (7.53)**
(Newcastle)



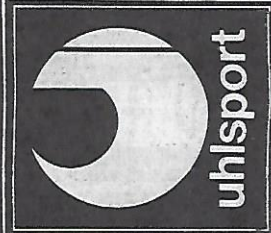
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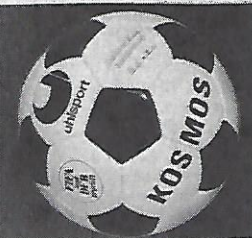
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LUJIC (7.60)**
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CUNNINGHAM IN, BEECH WILL MARK CUMMING

By
KYLE PATTERSON

Preston Macedonia will draft midfielder Stuart Cunningham for only his first full senior game, in the first round of the Victorian State League Cup against Essendon Croatia at Olympic Park No 2 on Sunday.

Cunningham, who broke an ankle in his first game after coming on as a substitute, is the player Macedonia hopes can rejuvenate the team and help salvage an honor for the 1979 season.

Cunningham has missed half the year with his ankle injury but is now fit again and will play the major role in a reshuffle by coach Tony Vrzina.

With striker George McMillan out suspended, Vrzina may decide to switch midfielder Eric Lesbirel to centre forward. Cunningham would take Lesbirel's midfield position.

Centre half Gordon Flavell is likely to return to midfield, with Jeff Faulkner losing his place after his indifferent display against Essendon Croatia in the Dockerty Cup semi-final.

Centre back Dave Garthwaite, who missed two games with a knee injury, will return to the line-up in Flavell's place.

Vrzina's other alternative is to use young forward Ian Tulloch in McMillan's place, whatever the changes. Vrzina's biggest problem is motivation of his players.

"The boys' spirit has been crushed after having so much bad luck this season," said Vrzina. "They have lost a lot of heart but I think they will come out fighting to prove Preston is a better team than people think."

Croatia swapped Preston in the Dockerty Cup final to win 4-2. Tommy Cumming did all the damage but was marked out of the game by Steve Beech in the first half. In the second half, Cumming switched flanks and was able to break free of Mike Rainey.



Frankston City — all smiles before the Dockerty Cup final. Standing (left to right) — team manager, David Gilbert, Kevin Swinscoe, Norrie Campbell, Dave Cooper, Frank Peterson, Bob Adams, Noel Mitten, Danny McCluskey, Alex Tulloch, Arthur Coates (trainer), Alan Parrott. Front (left to right) — Billy Murray (assistant coach), God Bannan, Tony Young, John Taylor, Vince Bannan, Bruce Young, Keith Webster, Willie Coulson, Freddy Bunce (coach).



Croatia centre back Steve Kokoska (right) shows the grim determination that makes him unbeatable in the air as he clashes with Macedonia's Gary Ward in an aerial duel during the Dockerty Cup semi-finals. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

"This time Beech will follow Cumming everywhere," said Vrzina. "Steve eliminated Cumming in the first half of the last game and I think he'll be able to do it for 90 minutes this Sunday."

Vrzina said he would also devise a plan to combat Croatia's dangerous midfielder/forward Ken Murphy.

Speaking of Cunningham, Vrzina said his composure would help the team.

"One of our problems is that we tend to race into attack all the time," said Tony. "This is great entertainment for the fans but sometimes we should steady down and play the game shrewdly."

"Cunningham can help us because he's cool under pres-

sure, and has excellent ball control and passing ability."

The first round of the State League Cup is vital. The game, to be played at the Olympic Park greyhound stadium, kicks off after the Crocydon City/Frankston City match.

The first game starts at 1.30 pm. The remaining State League Cup games will be played at Olympic Park No. 1.

Frankston City has its last chance of gaining a well-deserved honor when it starts its State League Cup campaign. However, Crocydon will be no pushover.

Alan Pongho and Steve McCombe lead a strong defence, with Joe Tront and Charlie Murphy creative players in the midfield. Crocydon will be without

captain and midfielder destroyer Duncan Smith, who has a week to serve of a two-match suspension. His absence will severely affect Crocydon.

His replacement is Harry McKinlay, who has been in and out of the Crocydon line-up all season.

Dave Brogan is a dangerous forward and Jim Wyllie is expected to overcome a rib injury to take his place on the left wing.

Frankston's spirits will be dwindling after the heartbreak of losing the Dockerty Cup final in extra time. However, a similar performance from Noel Mitten, Ged Bannan, Bob Adams and Tony Young should lift Frankston to victory.

Coach Freddy Bunce has one selection headache at left back. John Taylor may win the place, with Alex Tulloch going into midfield, or Tulloch may become the full back with Dave Cooper or Willie Coulson coming into midfield.

STATE LEAGUE CUP — Round 1

1.30 pm Crocydon City v Frankston City
3.15 pm Preston Macedonia v Essendon Croatia.

Likely teams:
CROCYDON: Edwards — Spink, McCombe, Pongho, Hobson — McKinlay, Tront, Murphy — Loughnane, Brogan, Wyllie.

FRANKSTON: Petersen — V. Bannan, T. Young, Adams, Tulloch — G. Bannan, McCluskey, Coulson — B. Young, Mitten, Swinscoe.

MAKEDONIA: Kastner — Rainey, Garthwaite, Higham, Beech — Cunningham, Flavell, Petrovski — Cullen, Lesbirel, Ward.

CROATIA: Blasby — Short, Adams, Kokoska, Blavner — Gardiner, Andrews, Murphy — Batnovic, Gilder, Cumming.

Frankston City striker Noel Mitten is currently the 1979 top goalscorer in the Victorian State League.

Mitten has scored 23 league and Cup goals, one more than Preston Macedonia's George McMillan.

Mitten edged in front of McMillan at the weekend when he scored Frankston's goal in the 1-2 Dockerty Cup final loss to Essendon Croatia.

Mitten joined Frankston at the start of this season after winning a free transfer from Albion Rovers in 1977.

Mitten is top scorer

a breach of contract dispute.

He played one season with Albion Rovers after coming to Australia in 1977 to play with South Mel-

bourne in the Philips League.

The scorers' list below includes Ampol, Dockerty Cups and league championship matches played this season. Philips Cup games and friendly games are not included.

Legend: Alb — Albion Rovers, Alt — Altona City, Cro — Crocydon City, Ess — Essendon Croatia, Frank — Frankston City, Geo — George Cross, Ajax — Green Gully Ajax, Hak — Hakoah St. Kilda, Juve — Juventus, Slav — Praharn Slavia, Mak — Preston Macedonia, Sun — Sunshine City.

Ampol Dockerty League				Total
Mitten (Frank)	5	7	11	23
McMillan (Mak)	3	8	11	22
Gilder (Ess)	1	5	14	20
Paton (Slav)	8	6	4	18
Ward (Mak)	0	3	15	18
Cumming (Ess)	3	5	9	17
Swinscoe (Frank)	1	4	11	16
McMillan (Juve)	3	2	9	14
C. Lucchesi (Juve)	3	2	9	14
Cullen (Mak)	1	3	8	12
Taylor (Alt)	2	4	6	12
Carr (Ajax)	5	3	3	11
Hamilton (Cro)	3	6	2	11
Murphy (Ess)	1	2	7	10
Paparas (Geo)	0	1	9	10
Smith (Juve)	2	3	5	10
Brogan (Cro)	0	0	9	9
Cowan (Geo)	0	0	9	9
Perkins (Ajax)	2	1	6	9
Loh (Hak)	0	0	9	9
French (Hak)	2	5	2	9
Monaghan (Slav)	0	0	8	8
Mizzi (Geo)	3	3	2	8
Culina (Ess)	1	0	7	8
Lowrey (Cro)	2	5	1	8
Trant (Cro)	1	2	5	8
O'Shea (Alt)	2	0	6	8
D. Nelson (Sun)	1	1	5	7
Aldridge (Slav)	3	1	3	7
Segi (Ajax)	3	3	1	7
Adams (Frank)	0	2	5	7
McComack (Alt)	0	0	7	7
Craw (Alt)	0	0	6	6
Ciano (Juve)	0	0	6	6
R. Nelson (Sun)	0	2	4	6
G. Train (Alt)	2	1	2	5
Wyllie (Cro)	0	1	3	5
McCombe (Cro)	0	3	2	5
Jordan (Hak)	0	1	4	5
Coyls (Sun)	0	0	5	5
Gilmour (Sun)	0	0	5	5
Gillian (Juve)	1	2	2	5
J. Lucchesi (Juve)	1	1	2	4
Schidussi (Juve)	1	0	3	4
Flavell (Mak)	1	1	2	4
Klarin (Ajax)	0	0	4	4
Webster (Frank)	1	0	3	4
G. Bannan (Frank)	2	0	2	4
Lewis (Alt)	0	0	4	4
Faulkner (Mak)	2	0	1	3
Griffiths (Alt)	0	0	3	3
Williams (Slav)	2	1	0	3
Rigby (Hak)	1	0	2	3
Dosen (Hak)	0	1	2	3
Bacznowski (Hak)	2	1	0	3
L. Nery (Hak)	0	2	1	3
Pavlovic (Ajax)	0	2	1	3
Vojtek (Ajax)	1	1	1	3
Campbell (Frank)	0	1	2	3
Petrovski (Mak)	0	2	1	3
Peters (Frank)	0	0	3	3
Loughnane (Cro)	0	0	3	3
Watters (Alt)	2	0	1	3
N. Little (Alt)	0	2	1	3
Whyte (Alt)	0	0	3	3
McNeil (Alt)	0	0	3	3
Mussel (Sun)	0	0	2	2
McRobert (Sun)	0	0	2	2
Laing (Sun)	1	0	1	2
Rosey (Hak)	0	0	2	2
Gosday (Hak)	1	0	1	2
Barron (Geo)	0	0	2	2
Mifford (Geo)	0	1	1	2
Tham (Geo)	1	0	1	2
Sodanaco (Geo)	1	0	1	2
McCluskey (Frank)	0	1	1	2
B. Young (Frank)	0	1	1	2
E. Bannan (Frank)	0	0	2	2
Gardiner (Ess)	0	0	2	2
Spink (Cro)	0	1	1	2
Innes (Alt)	0	0	2	2
McIntyre (Alt)	0	0	2	2
Grechan (Alt)	1	0	1	2
Hyne (Alt)	0	0	2	2
Woods (Alt)	1	0	0	1
Denham (Alt)	1	0	0	1
Stewart (Alt)	0	0	1	1
Work (Alt)	0	0	1	1
Railly (Alt)	0	0	1	1
Gransberger (Alt)	0	0	1	1
Buckley (Alt)	0	0	1	1
Kelly (Alt)	1	0	0	1
House (Cro)	0	0	1	1
Smith (Cro)	0	0	1	1
McKinlay (Cro)	0	0	1	1
Priestley (Cro)	0	1	0	1
Adams (Ess)	1	0	0	1
Paluka (Ess)	0	0	1	1
Andrews (Ess)	0	0	1	1
Coulson (Frank)	0	0	1	1
Cooper (Frank)	0	0	1	1
Graham (Geo)	0	0	1	1
Morgan (Geo)	0	0	1	1
Bernard (Geo)	0	0	1	1
Castello (Geo)	0	0	1	1
Bennie (Ajax)	0	0	1	1
Vassallo (Ajax)	0	0	1	1
Daniels (Ajax)	0	0	1	1
Patten (Ajax)	0	0	1	1
Baker (Hak)	0	0	1	1
Gibson (Hak)	0	0	1	1
J. Train (Slav)	1	0	0	1
Whiteside (Slav)	0	0	1	1
Tuft (Slav)	0	1	0	1
Masakowski (Mak)	1	0	0	1
Petrov (Mak)	0	1	0	1
Lesbirel (Mak)	0	0	1	1
Tuffield (Mak)	0	0	1	1
Puckac (Sun)	1	0	0	1
Howe (Sun)	0	1	0	1
McNally (Sun)	0	1	0	1
Peisley (Sun)	0	0	1	1
Henry (Juve)	0	0	1	1
Della Rocca (Juve)	0	0	1	1

Three wins for J.U.S.T.

Previous finals of the Victorian State League Cup:

- 1969: Juventus 3 Footscray J.U.S.T. 2.
- 1970: Juventus 3 Melbourne 1.
- 1971: Croatia 3 South Melbourne Hellas 2.
- 1972: No competition.
- 1973: George Cross 3 Hakoah 0.
- 1974: Footscray J.U.S.T. 2 Fitzroy Alexander (Heidelberg Utd) 1.

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- 1975: Footscray J.U.S.T. 1 Mooroolbark 1, Footscray won 5-4 on penalties.
- 1976: Footscray J.U.S.T. 2 South Melbourne Hellas 1.
- 1977: George Cross 2 Slavia 1.
- 1978: Essendon Croatia 3 George Cross 2.

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Juventus' star winger Tony Heery, made his mark as a coach as well as a player by bringing the best out of the club's under 14s.

"Heery's Heroes" finished second in the State League Colts championship and were semi-finalists in the Federation Cup.

The team is pictured before a game against Fawkner at Olympic Park (2-0).

Standing: Vincenzo Inconis, Giuseppe Stanghi, Victor Roggero, Fabio Moras, Giovanni Sannipoli, Fank Ljubetic, Giovanni Muccio (team manager). Kneeling: Aris Petropoulos, Giovanni De Amicis, Walter Costa, Angelo Muscio, Sebastiano Amodio, Silvio Manini and "mascotte" Andrea Muccio. Missing from the photo is John Carbone (injured). (Photo Bergagna)

State juniors prove that soccer has arrived

TO say that soccer is here to stay would seem an understatement, particularly in Victoria, the patriarch see of that indigenous religion, Aussie Rules football.

Soccer's rapid increase in popularity, particularly among the junior leagues, leaves no doubts about its future here.

We can add to this the women's awareness of the drama of a sport which, above all, is truly international in character, since it is now played in more than 140 countries.

This factor has yet to penetrate the consciousness of the die-hard Aussie Rules fan but the day of reckoning, even for these, is fast approaching.

Of course, soccer's ride to success has taken a long time form its unsure beginning in a Richmond Park — ironically, not far from Aussie Rules' creation in nearby Yarra Park (where the M.C.G. now stands).

In fact, it was 98 years ago when English-born soccer fanatic, Mr A.A. Gibb, organised the first soccer competition in Melbourne. Four teams took part: Carlton United, Prahran,

Melbourne Rovers and South Melbourne.

Today in Victoria alone, between all leagues — State, Metropolitan, Provincial, District, Amateur, Country, Juniors and Reserve — there are more than 1500 soccer teams and more than 33,000 junior players.

That's why any youngster can kick the round ball anywhere outside his own backyard, without the fear of having his manliness derided. And his skill to manoeuvre a soccer ball with the grace of a ballet star is admired by his parents, who at matches shout their support.

"Bravado, Roberto, forza, corri e passa quella palla!", could be easily heard at a soccer ground in Knox, Werribee or Essendon.

To many of us — migrants from over 100 countries — life-long "aficionados" of the round ball, attending a soccer match is like a renaissance, a new dawn that boosts our often dreary lives with incredibly large doses of adrenalin awakening our senses as from a long torpor.

Oh, the joy of seeing the younger generation of soccer players (belonging to any of the 1121 Victorian junior teams) perform what we can no longer even attempt to dream. And the bathroom scales confirm it too — mercifully!

This brings to mind the valiant efforts of the under 14 Victorian team whose magnificent series of wins enabled them to bring home the national title from Whyalla.

These were the scores: Vic. 1, S. Australia 1, Vic. 12-Northern Territory 1, Vic. Tasmania 0, Vic. Northern N.S.W. 1, Vic. Western Australia 2, Vic.



By FRANK DI BLASI

N.S.W. 0, Vic. A.C.T. 0, Vic. Queensland 2.

The team included: Mark Pearce (Waverley), Spiro Kardamitsis (Greensborough), John Tirrassassi (Sunshine Heights), Garry McDaid (Knox City), David Roddis (Knox City), Kirk Senior (Knox City), Reno Lia (Knox City), Danny Dezie (Essendon), David O'Dell (Ballarat), Tony Owen (Knox City), John Campbell (Sunshine City), John Bruno (Sunshine City), Jimmy Corbett (Nunawading City), Steve Gojevic (Essendon), Andrew Zinni (Port Melbourne) and Paul Beranic (Green Gully).

Knox City's Under 14 coach, Mr Angelo Lia was ecstatic with joy since five of the boys chosen to take part in the State team were "his boys".

"To me it was a special triumph and a memorable day for our club," he said on his return from Whyalla.

Asked about the future of soccer in Australia he had no hesitation in saying that this country could come up with a national team of international standard in the near future.

Let's have a look at four members of the triumphant Victorian team — perhaps cotermines of the future.

"If John Bruno puts his mind to the game he could easily become the best dribbler in Australia," said Mr A. Lia, of this young soccer player after seeing him at the Whyalla tournament.

John as a youngster started to play for Keilor before going to Sunshine City three years ago and then to Sunshine Heights. This year he won the leading goalscorer trophy, besides being for three years winner of the best and fairest award. Last year he captained his team to victory in the Ampol Cup. His ambition, naturally, is to become a well-known soccer player and one day be able to wear the national guernsey.

Reno Lia, attacking mid-field, was this year's leading goalscorer for Knox City.

He started playing at the age of nine with the Tatura juniors. For three years he has been with his present club. He was also leading goalscorer for the Dandenong Regional team. His ambition is to play professionally for a top Melbourne team.

Andrew Zinni, a speedy winger, plays for Port Melbourne. He started his sporting career with the Melbourne juniors and after several years he transferred to Hakoah (1978). This year he was the highest scorer for Port Melbourne and the Central Region.

John Tirrassassi, a strong sweeper of high potential, is captain of Sunshine Heights team, where he has been for six years. In the recent national contest he was vice-captain, and voted "man of the match" against N.S.W.

Hat-trick heroes

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The boys will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes" published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Damien Simmons, 10, Tiziano Zucchet, 10 (Baxter); Mitchell Pilbeam, 11 (Rosebud); Paul Morrison, 11, Julian Eccles, 8, six goals, Grant Everett, 8, Matthew Connolly, 7, four goals, Nicky Cooper, 8 (Rosetta, Tas); Odisea Batistatos, 9 (Dingley); Dean Sinkovic, 10, Jason Murphy, 10 (Melbourne); Michael Troupis, 14, William Melsey, 11, Andrew Nichols, 10, four goals, A. Karatzios (Caulfield); Chris Foudoulis, 10, five goals (Bundoora); Steve Wood, 12, Joe Sesa, 12 (Clayton); Alistair Gibb, 11, five goals (Mostfield Rangers); Frank Pannier, 10, Paolo Trimboli, 10, six goals (Brighton); Alan Nichols, 9, Jason Ashworth, 9, (Mooroolbark); Gerard McAleer, 10 (Rosanna); Alistair Stoddart, 12, Tim Wallace, 13, four goals (Warrnambool City); Steve Papa-



A view from the junior ranks

WITH LEIF JENSEN

Victoria tops for juniors

After reading Mike Johnson's column in "Soccer Action" last week, I felt that someone had to come to the rescue and tell everyone about the excellent junior set-up in Victoria.

Mike's article is a good one and I agree wholeheartedly with what he writes. As a matter of fact it coincides exactly with what I have been writing in the same paper BUT... when I read about "the crazy junior system which pitches them into 11-a-side games on a full-sized field from the age of five," then I must stand up and defend Mrs Ann Jensen and her merry men who for years have been fighting to rectify this situation in Victoria. What's more, they have actually succeeded.

In 1977 the under 7 and under 8 leagues were changed from 11-a-side to 6-a-side (we do not have any younger age groups in Victoria) and the general instructions issued by the J.L.M.C. were as follows:

- a. Ground shall be approx. 50 yards long by 35 yards wide.
- b. Goals shall be 18'6" wide and 5'6" high.
- c. Goalkeepers' area: 10 yard semi-circle from the centre of the goal. Goal-kicks taken from anywhere inside.
- d. Teams of five players plus goalkeeper (substitutes shall be unlimited).
- e. Duration of games shall be two 15-minute halves.
- f. Ball size shall be No. 3.
- g. Off-side rule shall apply only within the goalkeeper's area.
- h. Normal rules apply when ball goes out of play (i.e. corner, throw-in or goal-kick).
- i. Goals can be scored within the 10 yard area.
- j. Penalty kicks shall be awarded only for deliberate

handball within the 10 yard goalkeeper area. All other fouls shall be penalised with a free kick (including fouls committed inside the 10 yard area).

The penalty spot shall be on the 10 yard arch in the centre of goal.

The J.L.M.C. then stopped under 9 competitive soccer in 1978, and replaced it with non-competitive eleven-a-side soccer with no scores recorded and no trophies given out.

These same and may I say wise people have now included the under 10 juniors in this system and in 1980 these boys will be playing under the same conditions as the under 9's did in 1979.

I and I know many others, are very happy to see these changes in our junior set-up here in Victoria. It can only result in better soccer... so here is a slogan that you can put over the front door of "Soccer House"... ONE KICK AHEAD... THAT'S VICTORIA!

U/13 title to Port Melbourne



Port Melbourne's under 13 team went one better than the club's under 14s by winning the championship in Dandenong Region Division Three.



The under 14s made do with second place to Knox City in under 14 Division One. The under 13s, pictured at top, are, from left, back row: J. Palatides (coach), J. Chronis, E. Stametopoulos, J. Katsoulis, J. Alexacos, A. Poupoulis, J. Palatides, A. Tonia. Front row: P. Barnes, M. Hameklotis.

Under 14s, pictured above, are, from left, back row: S. Hackett (coach), J. Palatides, C. Kozlaris, M. Petersen, A. Zinni, A. Kotzamalidis, C. Smirnagos, J. Palatides (manager); front: P. Barnes, M. Hameklotis.

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Boronia junior dies

Paul Williams, one of the best junior players of Victorian club Boronia, died last week after being hit by a car while riding his bike to cricket practice.

Paul, of Boronia's under 12 team, had been with the club since he was an under 8 player.

He was the first player at Boronia to score 50 goals in a season.

Club members and players extend their deepest sympathy to Paul's parents, Mr and Mrs Terry

Record — breakers

Marconi broke all the records in winning the 1979 Philips League championship.

It's four-point margin over runner-up Heidelberg United was the biggest win in the three years of the league. Sydney City won it on goal difference from Marconi in 1977 and West Adelaide won by one point from Sydney City in 1978.

Marconi's total of 40 points was the highest tally gained by a club in one season, although the figure includes four bonus points. Sydney City and Marconi were top with 37 points in 1977 and West Adelaide with 36 in 1978.

Marconi's goals total of 58 is another record. Sydney City amassed 52 goals in 1977 and top-scored with 49 in 1978.

And, finally, Mark Jankovics notched the highest individual goals score with 18. Dixie Deans (Adelaide City) was top scorer in 1977 with 16 and Ken Boden (Newcastle) and Clive Eaton (Olympic) tied on 14 last year.

Part of Marconi's 1979 success story is told in these pictures by Alex Vesic in Sydney and Steve Chatzits and Sam Belfonte in Melbourne.

All of Marconi's league results for 1979:

Canberra 3 (Fielding, Byrne, Davies) Marconi 1 (Jankovics).

Marconi 0 Brisbane Lions 10 (Wellecke).

Sydney City 0 Marconi 4 (Krnecvic 2, Jankovics 2).

Adelaide City 4 (Deans 2, J. Nyskohus, Muniz).

Marconi 4 (Byrne 2 pens., Krnecvic, Mariani).

Marconi 2 (Degney, Sharne) St George 1 (Katholos).

Footscray 0 Marconi 5 (Jankovics 2, Sharne 2, Henderson).

Marconi 6 (Sharne 2, Jankovics 3, Degney) South Melbourne 0.

West Adelaide 1 (Dambas pen) Marconi 2 (Lindsay, Krnecvic).

Marconi 3 (Krnecvic 2, Mariani) Brisbane City 3 (Low 2, Gaffney).

APIA 0 Marconi 0.

Marconi 2 (Jankovics 2) Newcastle KB Utd 1 (Drinkwater).

Sydney Olympic 0 Marconi 3 (Byrne pen., Lindsay, Jankovics).

Marconi 0 Heidelberg 4 (Cole 2, Yzendoorn, Paton).

Brisbane Lions 0 Marconi 4 (Jankovics 2, Krnecvic, Byrne).

Adelaide City 2 (Kent 2) Marconi 4 (Krnecvic 2, Henderson, Sharne).

Marconi 1 (Sharne) Sydney City 0.

St George 1 (Russell own goal) Marconi 1 (Mariani).

Marconi 0 Footscray 0.

South Melbourne 1 (Ristovski) Marconi 2 (Henderson, Krnecvic).

Brisbane City 3 (Campbell 2, Gaffney) Marconi 4 (Jankovics 3, Krnecvic).

Marconi 2 (Sharne, Krnecvic) APIA 0.

Newcastle KB Utd. 2 (Curran 2) Marconi 1 (Jankovics).

Marconi 2 (Byrne pen., Sharne) Sydney Olympic 0.

Heidelberg 3 (Paton 2, Russell own goal) Marconi 2 (Campbell own goal, Jankovics.)



Marconi, 1979, standing from left: Tony Henderson, Ken Lindsay, Peter Brogan, Paul Degney, Mark Jankovics, Allan Maher, reserve goalkeeper Ryder, John Russell, Bertie Mariani, front: Mike Berry, Eddie Krnecvic, Gary Byrne, Peter Sharne, Ivo Prskalo, Stuart Selva.

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MARCONI	15	6	5	58	32	40
HEIDELBERG	14	7	5	44	30	36
SYDNEY CITY	15	3	8	47	29	34
BRISBANE CITY	14	5	7	38	30	34
Adelaide City	13	6	7	43	27	33
Newcastle KB	11	9	6	43	30	32
West Adelaide	10	4	12	28	31	25
APIA-L'hardi	11	3	12	29	37	25
Brisbane Lions	8	6	12	28	40	22
Footscray JUST	8	3	16	29	43	20
St. George BSC	7	6	13	27	43	20
Canberra City	6	8	12	25	41	20
Sydney Olympic	7	5	14	23	30	19
Sth Melbourne	6	3	17	30	40	16



Peter Brogan, who emerged as one of Australia's leading full backs this year, stays hot on the heels of Olympic's Graham Jennings.

Degney scores but Kiwis battle back

Marconi and Mt Wellington played out a hard-fought 1-1 draw in New Zealand.

The star-studded Marconi side went into the game as favorite and when it went ahead in just the fifth minute, it looked as though victory would be a matter of course.

But the home side had other ideas as it brushed aside that early setback and gradually clawed its way back, giving as good as it got along the way.

The match was played on a hard and in places bumpy, pitch under floodlights before a 4,500 crowd.

Mt. Wellington goalkeeper Sandy Davie pulled off three or four superb saves in the face of pressure from Marconi's international striking pair, Mark Jankovics and Eddie Krnecvic.

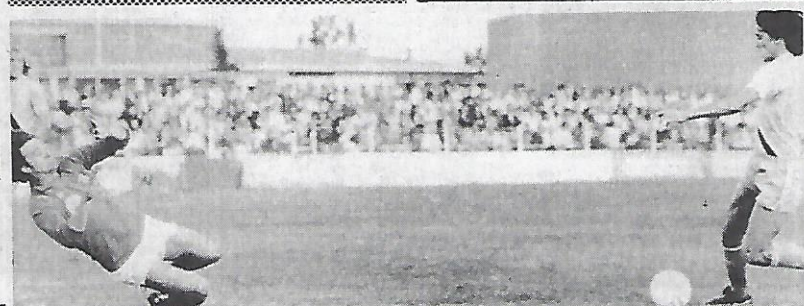
Marconi's Paul Degney opened the scoring when he loomed up at the far post to find space to whip home from an acute angle.

Mt. Wellington's retaliatory goal by midfielder Bill de Graaf in the 35th minute followed a period of intense pressure. Fed the ball, de Graaf pounded it high and wide past the dive of keeper Allan Maher.

Clearcut scoring chances were few and far between in the second spell.

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug said after the game his team's tactics of playing the long ball were governed by the bumpy conditions but said he had no complaints about the result.

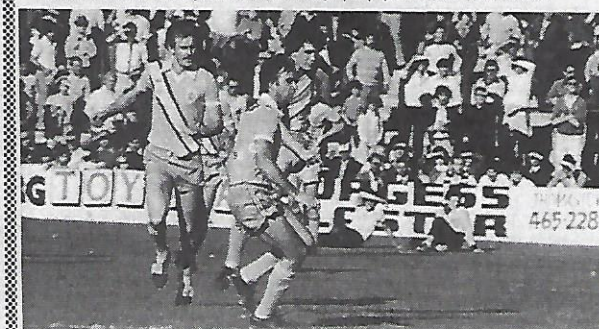
Mt. Wellington coach John Houghton said he thought his side fought back well after giving away an early goal.



The man behind the success — Marconi's soccer chairman Tony Labbozzetta at the victory celebrations.



Peter Sharne delivers a pass, watched intently by Olympic's Palmer and McIntosh.



Heidelberg United is the one team Marconi did not manage to beat in 1979. Here both Tony Henderson (left) and John Russell fail to prevent Jamie Paton from getting in a shot. Paton scored two goals in Heidelberg's 3-2 victory in the last round.



On the bench: Marconi coach Les Scheinflug (right) and masseur Bruno Gallo.



Left back Paul Degney — became a Socceroo and scored the goal in Marconi's 1-1 draw with Wellington United in New Zealand last week.

Third Division club Coburg (Vic) has regained the services of coach Rudi Van Altena for the 1980 season.

Van Altena coached Coburg in 1978, but left the club to take up an appointment with Ringwood Utd.

Coburg has organised a six-a-side tournament, which will be played at the club's Hosken Reserve ground this Sunday, October 7.

The first game starts at 9.30 am, and all spectators are welcome.

FOREIGN COACHES FACE BIG HURDLES HERE

At the recent South Australian Rothmans Medal dinner, ASF president Sir Arthur George said he had urged national coach Rudi Gutendorf to bring more German coaches to Australia.

I would like to point out that there are no German, English, Yugoslav or Australia coaches — just good or bad ones.

There's no guarantee you'll get a successful one just because he's from overseas. Look at the example of Joe Gelei. He was brought over from Hungary to coach St George but he had a major language problem and eventually the task of saving the club from relegation had to be handed over to a local, Raul Blanco. I don't blame Gelei for the Saints' failures but the problems he faced are problems which would be faced by all imported coaches.

There's been a lot of talk recently that we should bring out Les Shannon who has done so well coaching in Greece.

But people like Shannon live in a world of professional soccer that is completely different to our set-up. Shannon may have had success in Greece but how would he fare in Sydney?

Jim Kelly, Joe Venglos, Frank Orak, Jan Bens and Tiko Jelsavcic are overseas coaches who worked with success in Australia. On the other hand, top men like Alex Jagodic, Juan Schwanner, Lou Brocic and Joe Gelei could not succeed although few have been better qualified.

To cope with the million problems of soccer in this country you first have to go through hell and work your way back. There are conditions here that most professionals would not want to accept.

Coaching at club level here involves a lot of give and take, a lot of compromise and understanding. Only a few coaches have managed to dominate through their strong, tough personalities.

Mike Kiss, who coached Croatia in Melbourne and Sydney, was a father figure to his players. Only those who didn't



Joe Gelei



Alan Vest

know him regarded him as tough and relentless.

Kindness and consideration are vital in the make-up of any coach who hopes to be successful.

In discussion with a certain Heidelberg player, he said about his coach, Manny Poulakakis: "He treats us as his own children."

But getting back to the sub-

ject at hand, before bringing out any coaches from overseas, we must find how they would cope with local problems and we would have to ensure that they know what the local problems are.

Frank Arok, who was boss of St George, found it hard the first time he was here. He did much better the second time, after he had become accustomed to local conditions.

Personally, I would favor giving our own coaches preference. We should encourage the best we have, and give them the chance to improve themselves.

Alan Vest, for example, is an excellent coach and a very hard worker. Gerry Chaldi has always been highly successful. Raul Blanco has outstanding ability and Vic Fernandez of Canberra has worked diligently year after year.

They know the scene, they know the mentality of our players, they know how and when to compromise in the right way for the right effect.

Of course at grass roots level, we need coaches of a different kind. They must be good communicators and they must have the ability to demonstrate. Just as important, they must have a certain amount of flair to hold the attention of the youngsters they are educating.

Congratulations, Wally Bojczuk, on winning the SA Rothmans Medal.

It was the first time that a player from Beograd had taken the coveted award.

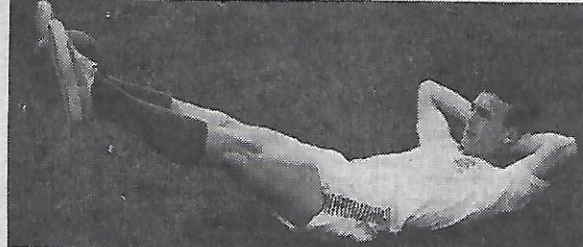
Bojczuk, it will be remembered, had a season in the Philips League with Moorool-



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Rothmans Medallist — Wally Bojczuk



One of Australia's most successful coaches, Jim Kelly at training.

Tactics and fitness not the answer

This is the second of a two part article on the need to upgrade the standard of play at grass roots level now that we are committed to local players carrying the banner in Australia and internationally.

Last week I discussed the flaw in our junior system which puts young children of six, seven, eight, nine and 10 onto full-sized fields in 11-a-side games when they are equipped to play only on mini areas with mini goals.

Manly and Kuringai in Sydney and districts in Victoria do not allow children to play in competition on full fields until they are 11, but these are isolated instances in the national context.

I believe the ASF should use its influence to extend these pockets Australia-wide.

ASF Youth Development Officer, Brian Emery, told me that the ASF does not have the power to oblige States and districts to conform to their directives.

Yet, if the ASF puts up a persuasive argument people will listen and even take action.

We all know the practice of using young children on full fields in 11-a-side competitions is bad for their future skill development and also for their future motivation as they pile up a cupboard full of trophies before they have even reached their teens.

If it is bad, then surely something must be done about it.

Mr. Emery said that the \$1.3



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million being spent by Coca-Cola on the elite of the juniors who made it through to the under 16 representative teams and beyond has to be sent in that area.

This is a Coca-Cola direct-

ive. Perhaps Coca-Cola could be shown it would be to their advantage and certainly to the advantage of Australian soccer if they were to get involved at the grass roots level.

This involvement could be to bring in overseas coaches on a permanent and temporary basis to assist in the schools and junior clubs.

It could be to provide money to junior clubs so that they could employ well qualified head coaches to direct their other coaches.

The energy and involvement in the junior area is amazing. I find it hard to believe it is matched anywhere in the world.

The time people put in and the drive they have to produce winning teams is simply enormous.

Yet unfortunately much of that time, effort and drive is not producing the effect Australian soccer now needs - skill-

ful young players who could lift our soccer to respectable international levels.

I do not believe, however, the sole reason for our poor international standing lies with the juniors.

The level of coaching at senior level also is playing its part as well.

We rarely see a player with the vision of Roberto Vieri in Australian soccer.

We too rarely see a team display a definite cohesive style from the start of a game to the end with players obviously aware of where they should be running and where they should be doing in the attacking and defensive build-ups.

This is because too few of our coaches are equipped to teach group skills.

Len McKendry Victoria's State coach, one man who is thoroughly equipped to teach group skills. He has proven what can be achieved with a cohesive group of players who really know what they are about when they are on the field.

Our coaches put an exceptional commitment into their coaching (which is one of our strengths) considerably more than many of our players (which is one of our weaknesses).

However, most of our coaches main effectiveness is in the areas of fitness, motivation, and tactics.

Too few are as skilful at teaching group skills.


Next week I will look at Len McKendry and his ability to teach these group skills, the development of which is a must if we are to match the cohesiveness of teams overseas.


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